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## Union is set to go next week

Soccer's first players' union will be formed at a meeting in Melbourne next week.

The meeting will be at the Windsor Castle Hotel at Windsor, near St. Kilda, on Thursday, August 22 at 8:30 pm.

The Melbourne branch is expected to be the first in a network making up a national players' union.

New Zealand international goalkeeper Richard Wilson of Preston Makedonia, formerly of Canberra Olympians, is the prime mover in getting the union organised.

He already has about 300 names of players who have written to him, saying they will join.

They include 18 from Heidelberg-Alexander, 13 from SM-Hellas and 15 from Makedonia.

"We want players from all levels — women included — to attend the meeting," Wilson said.

"We also invite ex-players who think they could be of use, or who would be willing to act in an administrative capacity. Also, we would welcome legal people willing to help us get started, although we already have a few working with us."

A second meeting will be held in October, Wilson said, and the union would be active by January.

The union would apply for affiliation with the Victorian and Australian Soccer Federations, Wilson said.

Objectives of the union are:

- To represent all players in any dispute contractual or otherwise.
- To protect the rights and conditions of contracted players.
- To represent the players at State and National level.
- To support the players in the preparation of an appeal.
- To publicly investigate any unjust action taken against a player or players.

• To promote a better environment in which a player can continue his career for as long as he wishes.

Wilson said this week: "We will seek to protect and improve the conditions and status of all players, and we will help members find new clubs."

"What's more, we will provide players with legal advice and in joining our association, each player will increase our ability to help others."

Wilson acknowledges that the VFL players' association has had difficulties, including lack of recognition by the league, but he's undeterred.

"Whatever the attitude of the soccer federations, we will push ahead," he said.

Asked whether strike action would be considered in extreme confrontations, he said: "We would want to avoid it but yes, we would consider it."

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The Red Star — Australia Series resulted in another financial loss for ASF Marketing Ltd.

Red Star was on a guarantee of US\$10,000 a match in addition to bonuses. On total attendance figures, the series brought in just over \$200,000 which does not cover guarantees, bonuses, air travel, advertising and accommodation.

It is yet another disappointment for the head of ASF Marketing Ltd, Peter Sheehan, who did not attend Sunday's match, nor the one in Adelaide.

## Roos cash in but series loses money

elaid. Sheehan was left with only a two-team tournament after AEK Athens and PSV Eindhoven withdrew.

By winning the series, the Socceroos brought to \$72,500 the total pool they will collect if they finish on top of the Oceania

World Cup qualifying group, which includes New Zealand, Israel and Taiwan.

That represents \$3625 for each of the 20 players.

The bonus pool comprises half of the prize money the Socceroos

have won in two tournaments this year. The other half went to the Australian Soccer Federation.

The Socceroos won \$15,000 for each of their two victories against Red Star, received \$5000 for each of their two losses and gained an additional \$5000 for winning the series outright.

Their share of \$22,500 was added to the \$50,000 won in the last series.

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The Socceroos' next assignment is the World Cup qualifying match against New Zealand in Auckland on September 21, followed by a three-match series at home against China.

The match schedule:

Sept. 21: v New Zealand (World Cup) in Auckland.

Sept. 24: v China in Newcastle.

Sept. 27: v China in Canberra.

Sept. 29: v China in Brisbane.

Oct. 10: v Israel (World Cup) in Tel Aviv.

Oct. 20: v Israel (World Cup) in Melbourne.

Oct. 23: v Taiwan (World Cup) in Adelaide.

Oct. 27: v Taiwan (World Cup) in Hobart.

Nov. 3: v New Zealand (World Cup) in Melbourne or Sydney.

If Australia wins the Oceania World Cup qualifying group, it will play home and away against Spain, Scotland or Wales in November.



• Man-of-the-match Jim Patikas (right) of Australia, in a race for the ball with Red Star's Milan Jankovic at Olympic Park last Sunday. Picture: ZBIEGNIOW CIERPISZ.

## Adelaide to join push for 14-team league?

The campaign for a 14-team NSL is gathering strength.

Adelaide Juventus president Charlie Caruso said last week that if the numbers men in Melbourne and Sydney were to offer the two Adelaide clubs places in an elite league, at the expense of Queensland, he would "have to consider it."

Six from Melbourne, six from Sydney and the two Adelaide clubs would have the voting power to push through a new league format.

However, the ASF executive has the power to veto any majority decision of the league — especially since the league voted last year to retain the present two-division format for at least three seasons.

South Melbourne Hellas president Jim Diamataris said Sydney's major clubs were backing the 14-team proposal.

"Next year, there may not be a National League at all if we don't change the format," Diamataris said.

"If we don't get the num-



## Cup to Olympic

The men of Sydney Olympic celebrate their 2-1 victory over Makedonia in the National Cup final. From left: a supporter, Chris Polias, Simon Ogun (obscured), Peter Katholos, Alex Lambropoulos, Peter Raskopoulos, a fan at rear, a committeeman, Jim Ziras. Front: George Haniotis, Martyn Rogers, Stuart Johnston. Picture by LES SHORROCK. See report page 5.

"Give them Sydney Croatia or Sydney Olympic, and they'll pack the stadium."

"Let's face it, there are not enough top-class players around to sustain a 24-team national league."

The Melbourne clubs suffer further from having two Adelaide clubs and two Brisbane clubs in their division. The Northern Division comprises only teams from NSW.

"It costs \$300,000 in air fares and accommodation to keep

the Queensland and South Australian clubs in the league yet in Brisbane, hardly anyone watches the matches," Diamataris said.

The Melbourne and Sydney clubs in a 14-team league almost certainly would be: Hellas, Heidelberg, Makedonia, Juventus, Melbourne Croatia, George Cross, Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Sydney Olympic, St. George Budapest, APIA and Sydney Hakoah.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



## Pele here in September

Pele (pictured) has confirmed that he will visit Australia from September 27 to October 2.

In Melbourne, he will play in a friendly match between South Melbourne Hellas and either Heidelberg or Juventus — probably mid-week, under lights.

He is expected to play also in Sydney, and to make other promotional appearances.

Pele is being brought here by Louis Sols Productions of Sydney.

A telex from Pele, dated July 27, reads: "Happy accept and cfm (confirm) my presence Australia from Sep 27/Oct 02 as per telephone agreement stp. Awaiting your instructions. Rgds Edison."

Pele's full name is on the telex — Eder Arantes do Nascimento (actually it's Do Nascimento).

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# Geo. Cross or Makedonia; St. George or Canberra?

**APIA-Leichhardt, one of the clubs that constitute the very fabric of Australian soccer, is in grave danger of being relegated from the NSL after the last round on Sunday.**

The other two clubs threatened by relegation, Wollongong and Penrith — driven by sheer desperation — appear capable of beating Newcastle-Rosebud and Blacktown respectively, but APIA looks to have a hopeless task against Sydney Croatia.

However, Penrith dropped a bombshell as we went to press with the announcement that it had sacked Willie Wallace as coach!

Newcastle-Rosebud, as "Soccer Action" explained last week, will not be relegated.

Under relegation rules in the Northern division, Rosebud will be subject to relegation if it finishes last but Belmont Swansea, the only Northern NSW club which plausibly could replace Rosebud, already has said it would decline the invitation.

If Rosebud finishes last, the second-last team also will be relegated, and it will be replaced by the top team from the NSW State League, providing that team wants to be promoted. If it declines, the offer will be made to the State League runner-up.

The only issue to be decided in the Southern Division, is whether Makedonia or George Cross will fill fifth place.

In the North, Sydney Croatia will try to displace Hakoah in top position, and St. George Budapest hopes Canberra Olympians will lose, so that Saints can grab fifth place.

Here's Sunday's programme, match by match:

## Sydney Croatia v APIA

At Croation Sports Centre

**APIA won the Australia Cup in 1966, beating Sydney Hakoah 2-0 in the final at Wentworth Park.**

Its line-up was: Bill Rorke — Cliff van Blerk, George Nuttall — Pat Hughes, Jim Sambrook, Fil Bottalico — Johnny Giacometti, Ricardo Campana, John Watkins, Archie Blye, Bill Kerklaan.

They were some of the finest players we've seen in Australian soccer.

And they were typical of the standard set by APIA in winning four NSW premierships, four grand finals, three Ampol cups, and two NSW Federation cups. Jimmy Rooney, Ernie Campbell, Peter Ollerton, Stan Ackertley and Billy Rogers are among other stars to have won the APIA colors.

After refusing to enter the newly-formed NSL in 1977, APIA finally got in through amalgamation with Western Suburbs in 1979, won the National Cup in the final against Heidelberg-Alexander in 1982 and reached the NSL finals last season.

But after a promising start this year, things started to go wrong.

Good times lasted until the sixth round. By then, APIA had beaten Wollongong 4-2, Inter Monaro 3-0, Penrith 1-0 and Marconi 4-1, and lost only to Hakoah 0-4 and Olympic 1-2.

Then followed six weeks without victory, and the present run of outs stretches over four weeks — losses to St. George, Canberra and Hakoah and a draw with Blacktown.

Injuries contributed to APIA's decline. The absence of Arno Bertogna was particularly damaging. Tom McCulloch, bought from Marconi early in the season, had a leg injury that kept him out for a long time. Howard Tredinnick broke a leg in his first game after transferring from Melita Eagles, and Mark Pullen quit altogether.

In addition, Ian Gray, Peter Tredinnick, and John Bradley transferred to other clubs and the proposed signing of Egyptian international Ala Abbas fell through.

Jim McBride arrived from Scotland to provide a bit of bite up front, and Tom Steven was recruited from Manly but although APIA was perhaps a bit lucky only



**Four of APIA's Australia Cup — winning players, from left: John Watkiss, Johnny Giacometti, Fil Bottalico, Archie Blye.**

**LAURIE SCHWAB** previews the last home-and-away round of the National Soccer League's 1985 season...

**The programme for the NSL finals:**

**Wednesday, August 21: semi-finals one (4th v 5th) and two (2nd v third).**

**Sunday, August 25: winner of semi-final one v loser of semi-final two, winner of semi-final two v team that finished on top of the ladder.**

**Wednesday, August 28: preliminary finals.**

**Sunday, September 1: divisional grand finals.**

**Wednesday, September 4: first leg of national final.**

**Sunday, September 8: second leg of national final.**

to draw with Blacktown in its last match, there is little likelihood of a victory against mighty Croatia. Croatia's 1-3 loss to Olympic last Sunday week was its first defeat in seven matches and only its second for the season, the other having been beaten by Hakoah.

No doubt APIA coach Fil Bottalico will try to bring off a tactical victory. Croatia plays a counter-attack game that depends on the accurate long passes of Vedran Rozic and the speed up front of Jim Patikas and, on the wings, Zeljko Jurin and Emil Dragicevic.

Perhaps by pushing Kerry Caban on to Rozic, APIA could prevent Rozic from distributing the ball.

Croatia should nevertheless come up with the appropriate solutions because it simply has more class than APIA, and certainly a greater variety of goalkeepers.

Jim Patikas has notched 14, Graham Arnold 13, Jurin and Dragicevic six each, and Zarko Odzakovic — who can run a game single-handedly on a good day — has four.

APIA's top scorer is Vince Colaguri, with five, but he hasn't been playing regularly and it's been 15 games since he last scored. Caban has managed four goals, but before scoring his fourth against Blacktown, he hadn't managed any for 14 games.

Only sheer desperation can give APIA a result here. Logic certainly points to a Croatia victory.

## Penrith v. Newc.-Rosebud

At Cook Park, St. Mary's

**What can you say after Penrith's 6-0 hammering by Marconi? Perhaps the mountain men are just not good enough for the NSL.**

Can any other conclusion be drawn from their 13-week run without a win?

They haven't even scored a goal in their past three games!

But I believe Penrith will win this one simply because it has to, while Rosebud knows it won't be relegated even if it loses.

Not that Rosebud would lose on purpose. Nothing of the sort! Willie Gallagher and his players are proud of their 1-0 victory over Inter-Monaro last Sunday week must have been a pleasing respite from the previous eight straight losses.

Rosebud will miss fullback Mark Jones who is away with the national youth squad, but was hoping to regain experienced David Jones.

Neil Owens and Mike Boogaard are a formidable defensive pair, and Joe Senkalski may be reinstated in midfield after being dropped from the game against Inter-Monaro.

Penrith had its backbone ripped out when Dave McIntosh was transferred to Melbourne in his employment and subsequently joined Melbourne Croatia.

His commanding presence in defence suddenly was gone. There was no one to fill his boots.

In this, the most vital week of Penrith's short existence, it is up to a handful of players to shoulder responsibility above and beyond the call of duty.

They are: Ian Hunter, who has yet to reflect in his play the experience gained with Marconi and the national youth team; Ian Witherspoon who must live up to the promise he showed in 1983; Rene Licata who is capable of brilliance on his day, and Peter Jones, who saw action with APIA and Blacktown before joining Penrith as a striker.

## Wollongong v. Blacktown

Wollongong Showgrounds

**Six weeks into the season, Blacktown was being heralded as a potential finalist. Wollongong has spent most of the year languishing near the bottom of the ladder.**

But my, how things have changed! Blacktown has won only one of its past 10 matches (3-0 v. Newcastle-Rosebud) while Wollongong is undefeated in its past three games, having beaten Rosebud 3-1 and drawn with St. George 2-2 and Canberra Olympians 1-1.

# APIA, former national champion,



**PRESTON MAKEDONIA**, from left, standing: Bill Murray (coach), Gary Cole, Gordon Flavell, Ian Dobson, Phil Traianedes, Steve Smith, George McMillan, Con Opasinis, Nick Boskov (team manager). Front: Warren Spink, Robbie Dunn, Graham Heys, Sean Lane, Zoran Ilioski, George Petrov.



**CANBERRA OLYMPIANS**, fromleft, back row: Roy Thompson (coach), Tony Redmond, Terry Byrne, Jason Dunne, Roy Jones, Marko Perinovic, Peter Burke, Derek Robinson (physiotherapist). Front: Steve Bryant, Paul Ontong, John Mihailidis, Tony Franken, George Economopoulos, Tom Sermanni, Ian Gibson, Hilton Phillips.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston relied on youth from the beginning, and such a policy bears fruit only in time. Perhaps the time has come, but will Wollongong maintain the momentum without its star midfielder, Alex Bundalo, who is away with the young Socceroos?

I think they will, due to the leadership provided by the old fox, Dez Marton, as well as experienced Larry Gaffney who's a full back nowadays, and Peter Brodnik who's been in such good form up front.

Blacktown has a much more experienced team of course, due to such players as John Spinos (ex-Marconi, Heidelberg, Hakoah), John Bradley (Blacktown), Stuart Selva (Marconi, Yugal), Phil O'Connor (Wollongong, St. George, APIA) and Ian McKie (APIA, Melita Eagles).

But Blacktown has nothing to win, nothing to lose and if Wollongong manages to shackle O'Connor and Bradley, the Wolves will make sure of hunting NSL games again next year.

## Green Gully v. Makedonia

Green Gully Reserve

**Makedonia must win to make sure of fifth place and a berth in the finals. A loss, coupled with a victory by George Cross over J.U.S.T., could put George Cross into the five on goal difference.**

Green Gully will be a tough opponent. Its players have won some momentous battles recently, and their confidence is high.

Their 1-0 victory with a goal by former Makedonia player Claude Lucchesi in the 11th round was one of their best results of the season, and since Steve Short took over as coach, they have managed three wins, and a draw from six matches.

The victories were against Melbourne Croatia 2-0, Brisbane City 4-1 and in the vital relegation decider, Footscray J.U.S.T. 2-1.

Striker Paul Lewis has come good of late, with four goals in the past three matches.

Makedonia is unbeaten in seven matches, but managed only draws with Brisbane City and West Adelaide in their past two outings.

Warren Spink is away with the national youth team but Steve Smith is back from injury.

Much depends on what happened in the National Cup final between Makedonia and Olympic last Sunday. This preview is being written before the final, so any injuries and suspensions cannot be evaluated.

Presuming Makedonia wins and avoids injuries, its spirits should be high enough to ensure victory over Green Gully.

Makedonia has permutations galore in team selection, but with everyone fit, the line-up probably would be: Traianedes — McMillan, Dunn, Dobson, Heys — Opasinis, Petrov, Ilioski, Lane — Smith, Cole.

Green Gully's line-up probably will be unchanged: Deerys — Young, McLelland, Cannell, Hogben — Cumming, Smallman, Williams, Campbell — Lewis, Lucchesi.

The crucial questions are: can McLelland and Cannell hold Smith and Cole and can Smallman and Williams cope with the faster and livelier Petrov and Ilioski in the midfield?

On the other hand, Makedonia faces serious problems as well. Although its central defenders, Dobson and Dunn, have bigger reputations than their Green Gully counterparts, they face two potential match-winners in Lewis, and particularly Lucchesi who sank his former club last time. Similarly, George Campbell, also dumped by Makedonia, will want to shine, and Tommy Cumming will once more be an irresistible force. He has turned night into day almost single-handedly at Green Gully Reserve.

It's almost impossible to pinpoint a reason why either team will win, so it probably will be a draw.

The battle of the strikers will be nothing short of fascinating. Lewis and Lucchesi have 14 between them, as do Smith and Cole.



**Marshall Soper shoots at goal for Australia, shadowed by Zlatko Krmpotic of Red Star. Soper leads Sydney Olympic's attack against Marconi on Sunday.**

## Footscray JUST v. Geo. Cross

Schintler Reserve

**A draw between Makedonia and Green Gully would leave George Cross out of the top five. A Green Gully victory by one goal would mean that George Cross would have to beat J.U.S.T. by two goals to displace Makedonia.**

A place in the finals, then, is a distinct possibility for George Cross.

So George Cross will win this one, I'm sure.

J.U.S.T. already is relegated and all the players can do now is regain a little of their lost pride in front of their bitterly disappointed supporters.

George Cross beat J.U.S.T. 2-1 at Chaplin Reserve last time they met, but it was a very close one. Vlatko Belic put J.U.S.T. ahead, George Cross equalised when Suleiman Curovic scored an own goal, and it was Roger Bain who sealed the result.

In the nine weeks after J.U.S.T. was reinforced by Luka Bonacic and Jadranko Kodjo, the team won three (v. Croatia, WA-Hellas and Adelaide Juventus), and drew two, but its respectable 15-13 goal difference over that period had much to do with a 5-1 aberration against WA-Hellas.

Over this nine-week period, George Cross's record has been slightly better.

It has won four games and drawn two, scoring 12-10.

Its three losses during the period were consecutive ones — against Makedonia 1-2, SM-Hellas 0-1, and Brunswick Juventus 0-3.

The latter result had at least something to do with the party for Don McLaren's wedding on the Saturday.

Both J.U.S.T. and George Cross rely heavily on one man to do the scoring. J.U.S.T. has Zdravko Lajic (seven goals) and George Cross has Ossie Latif (nine goals). Next come Vlatko Belic (four goals) of J.U.S.T. and Noel Mitten (three goals) of "George".

Lajic and Latif will be heavily marked, so it's up to the midfielders. Belic and Kodjo have potential in this regard, as do Jeff Faulkner and Don McLaren of George Cross.

George Cross plays a more orderly game, based around the strength of Carl Gilder as target man. Tyrone James at the back, Chris Taylor overlapping constructively on the flank, Lou Kastner in goal, Faulkner doing the midfield distribution and Latif's powerhouse shooting.

J.U.S.T. has major strengths in defenders Kyri



# struggles to stay in top league



**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS**, from left, standing: Noel Mitten, Tyrone James, Carl Gilder, Lou Kastner, Steve Richardson, Gerry Bennett, Ossie Latif. Front: John Campelj, Roger Bain, Jeff Faulkner, Mark Lennon, Chris Taylor, Don McLaren.



**ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST**, from left, standing: Robbie Slater, Mike O'Shea, Andrew Koczka, Terry Greedy, David Ratcliffe, Roy Cotton, Peter Stone. Front: Mark Barton, John O'Shea, David Skeen, Peter Petkovski, Pedro Ricoy, Dez Marton (since transferred to Wollongong.)

Kyriakoulas and Don Macleod, midfielders Belic and Kodjo, and striker Lujic, but all equations leave George Cross slightly ahead.

## Inter-Monaro v. St. Geo. Budapest Seiffert Oval

St George Budapest must win to get into the five, and at the same time, it has to rely on Canberra Olympians losing to Sydney Hakoah.

Inter-Monaro became a top-five possibility during an unbeaten run lasting 10 weeks, but hopes dimmed a little when it drew 1-1 with Olympic, and disappeared altogether when it lost 0-1 to Rosebud last Sunday week.

It was a shame for lovers of the romantic. What a tale it would have made: little Inter-Monaro, threatened by relegation for so long, whipped into shape by master coach Frank Maccarone, and standing tall among the finalists.

But no, the race is between St. George and Canberra One or the other will join the other four certainties — Hakoah, Croatia, Olympic and Marconi.

A draw would be enough for St. George if Canberra loses. Both teams then would have 22 points, but Saints have the better goal difference.

An unlucky 0-1 loss to Hakoah last Sunday week ended an excellent five-week run by St. George, during which it beat APIA 4-1, Blacktown 3-0, and APIA again, 2-0, and drew with Canberra 1-1 and Wollongong 2-2. Robbie Slater ran hot during this period. Trevor Morgan was the strong man in attack before missing the Hakoah game and Andrew Koczka was jack-of-all-trades as usual.

Terry Greedy and David Ratcliffe return from national team duty, as does coach Frank Arok. The Soccerroos were riding high after beating Red Star 4-1 in Sydney, but it is the last two games of the series, in Adelaide and Melbourne that will set the mood of the returning warriors.

Inter-Monaro can't hope for better than seventh place, but a loss to St. George and a victory by Blacktown, could see the home team tumbling to seventh.

Inter-Monaro is a hard team to stop because it threatens you from all angles. Whereas you can confidently plan to counter one or two men in an opposing team, you don't know which way to turn when you face Monaro.

Certainly Giampaolo is the pin-up boy, the man with the "name", but Willox, Brennan, Walsh, Thamiadis, and Carbone can also score. What's more, Trillas has a habit of coming up from defence.

St. George's chances depend on whether the team



**Brunswick-Juventus** sweeper John Dowie

can cope without Koczka and Peter Petkovski who both are USSR-bound with the national youth team. Mark Barton probably will return, as will Mike O'Shea. It's likely that Vic Bozanic will switch to left back, with Barton slotting into Bozanic's midfield position.

## Sydney Hakoah v. C'berra Olympians Sydney Athletic Field

Hakoah — unbeaten in 15 games, bristling with Australian internationals, heading — it hopes — for its fifth NSL championship. Canberra Olympians — biting their nails, crossing themselves, hoping against hope for a place in the finals.

That's the scenario. And the latest news is that David Mitchell, still registered with Hakoah, will replace the injured John Kosmina.

Watson, O'Connor and Mitchell are back from Soccer duty, giving Hakoah a strong line-up indeed: Pezzano-Cant, O'Connor, Robertson, de Marigny-Watson, Gomez, Barnes-Farina, Mitchell, Lee.

Against that lot, Canberra's ace will have to be goalkeeper Tony Franken, regarded by many as the best in Australia despite his youth.

If he can stop the best of Hakoah's shots, perhaps Manis Lamond, Tommy English and Ian Gibson can do damage to Hakoah's defence at the other end.

I doubt it, though. Hakoah is like a steam roller. Steve Bryant again has been Canberra's best player this year, providing reliable drive on the left, and Peter Burke is a tough man to pass in defence, but for all of Canberra's ambitions, chances of a victory here are about as slim as can be.

Farina, and Gerry Gomez have scored eight goals each, with Grant Lee on five and Murray Barnes on four, while Tommy English and Manis Lamond are Canberra's joint top scorers with five each.

## Sydney Olympic v. Marconi At St. George Stadium

An array of top-line players including some of the most entertaining in Australia (Soper, Jankovics, Lowe, Gray) will vie for nothing in particular, except the satisfaction of victory and the psychological advantage of carrying such a victory into the NSL finals.

The teams have an identical record over the past 10 weeks, during which they have lost only once. Marconi went down 0-1 to Inter Monaro in the match before last, while Olympic lost 0-1 to Hakoah in a game that lasted only half an hour four games ago, before being abandoned. The result subsequently was allowed to stand.

Olympic's goalscoring potential has been reduced by Dave Provan's return to Scotland, whereas Marconi's attacking line is intact — Mark Jankovics who scored a hat-trick against Penrith, David Lowe who notched four against the national youth team before it left for the USSR and Rod Brown who returns from the international series.

With Chris Kalantzis away in the USSR, Olympic has too many gaps. It cannot match the overall strength of Marconi, which should win.

## WA-Hellas v. SM-Hellas Hindmarsh Stadium

If there's one thing West Adelaide hopes for in this clash with the defending NSL champion, it's a good crowd.

The club wants to demonstrate to a league disenchanted with South Australian and Queensland rep-

Last-round NSL matches on Sunday, with likely winners in capitals:

## NORTHERN DIVISION

**SYDNEY CROATIA v. APIA-Leichardt** at Croatian Sports Centre, 3pm

**Sydney Olympic v. MARCONI** at St. George Stadium, 3pm

**PENRITH v. Newcastle-Rosebud** at Cook Park, 3pm

**Inter-Monaro v. St. George Budapest** (draw) at Seiffert Oval, 3pm

**SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. Canberra Olympians** at Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm

**WOLLONGONG v. Blacktown** at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3pm

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

**Footscray J.U.S.T. v. SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS** at Schintler Reserve, 3pm

**Green Gully v. Preston Makedona** (draw) at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm

**West Adelaide Hellas v. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm

**Brisbane City v. BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** at Spencer Park, 3pm

**MELBOURNE CROATIA v. Brisbane Lions** at Olympic Park, 3pm

**HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. Adelaide City Juventus** at Olympic Village, 3pm

resentation that clubs from those States do, after all, deserve NSL status.

But if the Greek community does not turn out for this visit by Australia's most successful Greek team, there must be doubts about West Adelaide's claim.

Last time they met, South Melbourne won 4-2, with two goals by Ken Murphy and one each by Carl Halford and Oscar Crino. It indicates that the West Adelaide defence managed to shackle Doug Brown and Charlie Egan for a change.

Brown is suspended for this clash after having accumulated too many penalty points, meaning that the line-up will be shuffled with either John Kanesoulis or Manny Anzakis coming into the side.

Brenton Hiern and Tim Brown again will pick up the two South Melbourne strikers.

Egan is top scorer in the league and his team-mates are determined to keep him up there, so that he wins the \$1000 Boral Bricks prizemoney.

The result really is immaterial, but Egan's fortunes in front of goal gives the match a decided point of interest.

South Melbourne will win despite the hurdle presented by Neil McGachey as sweeper and Graham Honeyman in midfield.

Peter Vardaxis will replace South Melbourne's youth Angie Postecogiu.

## H'berg-Alexander v. Adel. Juventus Olympic Village

While West Adelaide looks doomed to defeat against the top team in the South Division, Adelaide Juventus appears to have little hope against third-placed Heidelberg-Alexander.

Once more we'll see Buggy Nyskohus throwing himself every which way to keep his defence together, while up front, the Juventus forwards waste all their opportunities.

Charley Villani and Steve Maxwell have goalscoring potential but both are midfielders rather than strikers. Against Charlie Yankos, Joe Angele, Ian McKie and Steve Marley they won't achieve much.

Juventus has won only once in six matches (2-1 v. Brunswick Juventus) while Heidelberg has lost only once during the same time (0-1 v. SM-Hellas).

Stuart Stevenson, who was replaced in the 2-1 victory over Brisbane Lions, has a total of 11 goals and so he has the potential to catch top scorer Charlie Egan, as the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer award extends into the finals.

He and Theo Selemidis, backed by Steve Tasios coming from deep, will present Juventus with problems that not even Nyskohus won't be able to solve.

## Melb Croatia v. Brisbane Lions Olympic Park

Josip Biskic returns after suspension to the Croatia team and Robert Markovac, who didn't play against Brunswick Juventus (1-1) either, has recovered from illness, presenting coach Domagoj Kapetanovic with a selection problem.

Victor Cristaldo, who came in as a replacement against Juventus, played extremely well in midfield, and it hardly would be fair to drop him again.

Obviously Biskic will go back to right midfield; and if Cristaldo stays in, it would mean Markovac would be vying with either Gary Ward or Ante Ljubic for an attacking position. Perhaps he will have to settle for a place on the bench, at least until half time.

Russell and John Steward, Alan Niven and Danny Wright ensure that Lions will show their fangs, but Croatia is a more mature team, with greater fire power up front.

Ljubic, Ward, Biskic and Steve Gojevic play some breathtaking soccer when their combinations come off and it's only a matter of time before they notch a landslide victory.

Perhaps this will be the day.

## Brisbane City v. B'wick Juventus Spencer Park

Brisbane City has won only one match in eight (3-2 v. JUST), but Juventus hasn't been all that steady either.

Although its overall form is far superior to that of Brisbane City, it was uncharacteristic of Juventus to lose twice in four weeks, against Adelaide Juventus and Heidelberg.

Last time these teams met, Juventus won 5-1 in a spectacular match at Olympic Park No 2 ground, with Joe Sweeney notching a hat-trick. Mike Petersen and Paul Wade were Juventus's other scorers that day, while Bobby Hamilton got two for City, and Lee Scriggins and Steve Glockner one each.

A similar scoreline either way would be a promotional boon to Brisbane City, but despite the fact that this is a clash between Italian clubs from rival cities, there's liable to be only a microscopic crowd at Spencer Park, if recent experience is any guide.

Those who do come along, will be treated to the skill of one of Australia's finest midfielders, Mike Petersen, the incredible speed and agility of Andrew Zinni, the human dynamo known as Paul Wade, the explosiveness of Alan Reis and the antics of Juventus goalkeeper Yakka Banovic, the most expensive player in Australian soccer history.

Juventus will win unless most of the players are hijacked on the way to Queensland.



Victor Cristaldo (right) of Melbourne Croatia, tangles with Bill Stefanopoulos of West Adelaide Hellas. Cristaldo starred for Croatia against Juventus — but will he retain his position?



# EDELSTEN'S FOLLY

An interesting experiment is taking place in Australian football, thanks to the flamboyant Sydney doctor, Geoff Edelsten.

Recently, for a cool \$6.3m, the good doctor bought the struggling Sydney Swans Aussie Rules team and, with that, became the first private owner of a major football club of any code in Australian sporting history.

Australian football is built on district or, as in soccer, ethnic loyalties.

It will be interesting to see whether a football club can be successfully managed in a country where the master-servant nexus has been traditionally an unhappy one.

I could have saved Dr Edelsten a lot of anguish and possibly money if he had asked my opinion. Which he didn't.

I am convinced that neither the Swans nor any other Aussie Rules club can, in the long run, overtake Rugby League in Sydney.

Rugby league may be facing dwindling crowds and eventually could, become a relatively insignificant spectator sport — but it will always remain miles ahead of soccer, Rules and the other. Because of tradition!

Actually, I cannot understand anybody, individual or corporation, which pours huge sums into football in this country.

It's almost as mad as buying real estate in Hong Kong.

Football in this predominantly middle class country of ours has lost a lot of its old working-class appeal — and is being killed off now by the amateurishness of its officials and greed of its players.

It's an irreversible trend. In some of the codes and some of the clubs there will be the occasional boom year when the future will look bright and rosy. Temporarily.

But the games, as a major winter spectator sports, are going down the tube, past all of them, including soccer.

Of course, this doesn't mean soccer, as a sport, only soccer as a professional spectator sport.

In the years to come there could be a wild multiplication of juniors playing their game on Saturdays, with 99.9 percent of them — and their

## Football's simply a bad investment

Andrew Dettre



parents — never giving a thought to senior soccer.

Now, I am certain that rugby league in Sydney and Aussie Rules in Melbourne are in the very same boat.

Dr Edelsten will either lose a lot of his money — or will use the Swans as a tax shelter, as American club owners do.

Meanwhile, he will have to learn to operate the club without a committee, without all the volunteer workers who are traditionally part of and parcel of Australian sport.

Many of them are very ordinary, some even useless — but they are voluntary, working without a fee, out of club loyalty.

Now all these people will demand a payment from Dr Edelsten — and they may not

be able to do their work any better than before.

But the main problems will come with the players. This is the turning point.

Very often, footballers demanding more money can be pacified by clubs who appeal to their loyalty. But players have no loyalty to a franchise owner; it's purely business from now on.

## Brazil hails Coritiba

Penalty kicks were required before the Brazilian Championship final was decided. Coritiba eventually beat Bangu at the Maracana Stadium in front of 90,000 spectators after the two sides were tied at 1-1 over 120 minutes.

Frank Worthington, the ex England striker reported to be on his way to Adelaide not long ago, has become player — manager at English fourth division club Tranmere Rovers.

Federal Territory, coached by former Soccerero supremo Dr. Josef Venglos, were beaten 2-0 by Johor in the Malaysia Cup Final.

Mario Zagalo has resigned as coach of Flamengo, following the club's disappointing Brazilian Championship campaign.

Three extra time goals enabled South Korea to beat America (Brazil) 7-4 in the Merdeka Cup Final at Kuala Lumpur.

— PAUL MOON



LES MURRAY

You think women are fickle? Try soccer fans. Male or female.

Especially those who are being wooed, not very successfully it seems, to games involving overseas visitors.

The question of whom to invite, when and into what stadium, must perplex, bedazzle and befuddle the minds of promoters to the point of a paralysing stupor.

Take last year's mammoth May-June series (still referred to by some people as a "tournament").

Five teams were invited with reasonably heterogeneous qualities.

There was Juventus to woo the Italians, Iraklis to woo the Greeks, Manchester United for the English and all others with whom they are folk heroes, Nottingham Forest for any added English interest and Glasgow Rangers to please the Scots.

Of that lot, Man United and Forest were duds — Man United because they were a Claytons Man United and Forest because they are Forest.

Iraklis, with less a shine to its name than the big Athenian clubs, and Rangers, with no renowned international stars, also were less than roaring successes.

Of the five, only Juventus stirred the blood — attracting good crowds wherever it played.

Juventus always was and still is the most popular club in Italy, it was the champion and holder of the Cup Winners' Cup, and so a natural magnet for Italian migrants.

And because Juventus had Rossi, Boniek, Scirea, Tardelli, Gentile and Cabrin — big names to anyone who gives international soccer more than a passing glance — a good many non-Italian tifosi were likely to come to the games also.

Little is known, or at least revealed, about the financial success or otherwise of that series. But at least some questions were being answered for soccer's newest promoters, ASFM, headed by Peter Sheean.

Sheean, a courageous and adventurous entrepreneur backed by the lucrative resources of the West Nally corporation and its long-term contract to underwrite the Soccereros, was by his own admission new to soccer and had much to learn about the fickleness of the soccer audience — particularly its steadfast refusal to accept anything less than fair dinkum.

Recently, after the withdrawal of AEK Athens had caused so much distress, a Victorian sports official mused over how soccer self-flagellates every time this player or that player, or indeed this team or that, doesn't turn up for an appointment.

He spoke of other sports, like tennis for instance, where a withdrawal by a McEnroe, Connors or Lendl does not kill off a tournament.

The success of Juventus convinced the promoters of two things: that there is a huge, polarised Italian audience ready to be tapped — and that sheer glamor — which is what Juventus epitomised — will guarantee good crowds, particularly in Melbourne.

But I fear the first of those theories was mis-read or oversimplified. Udinese, which without Zico had nothing going for it apart from being Italian, was a flop.

Tottenham Hotspur, too, was less than popular and proved again that English clubs do not weave the magic they so regularly did in the 1960s.

Vasco da Gama was the most fascinating experiment of the May-June tournament and now, despite its good results and place in the final, even Vasco is looked back up on as less than successful.

# SHEEAN'S JIGSAW PUZZLE

There were indeed grumbles from some theorists who responded to the low crowd at the tournament final by blaming everything on the Brazilians. But that argument falls flat when one remembers that the tournament carried three other teams, all of whom proved to be flops.

Indeed, after more than 20,000 turned up for the tournament's opening double-header, there was much cause for hope and much substance to the theory that Vasco's might just be a successful ingredient.

But then two things happened.

One was Brussels, which I still feel had a most destructive effect on the tournament, robbing it of the curious, the non-convergent family component of the potential audience.

The other was that the three foreign teams on view — Vasco included — failed in the first double-header to dish up the magic local fans expect, and reckon they are starved of.

One dyed-in-the-wool fan, who rarely goes to games these days but never ceases to lament the thrills he got from the two visits by Cruzeiro over a decade ago, was eagerly looking forward to seeing Vasco.

But after seeing highlights of Vasco's first game on television, he relinquished his ticket.

Trying to work out just what turns soccer audiences on must be a crippling and frustrating task and I don't envy the promoters one bit.

The many components that add up to the success or otherwise of a tour or tournament — team stature, player glamor, grounds, weather, time of the year, etcetera, etcetera — is like a jigsaw puzzle with always at least one piece missing.

The marketing theories now conflict between the conviction on the one hand that Australian soccer is no more than pockets of ethnic groups who can be brought to the gates by simply giving them their ethnic attractions, and on the other hand the theory that soccer does have a huge, docile Australian population which won't be coaxed by anything other than big names and glamor.

I think both are true.

But it gets a lot deeper, for it is now clear that soccer fans, whether they're drawn by partisan ethnic considerations or simply by soccer, demand a lot more than they used to.

Our soccer fans are still nearly all migrants, in the majority first generation who came during the migrant booms of the 50s and 60s.

As such they remember football from the old country of a different kind, of a more entertaining kind, of a more unpredictable kind, of a kind where personalities were guaranteed to deliver a show.

In the 60s, when few tours were financial failures, nearly all teams from Europe or South America could deliver that kind of entertainment.

There was Manchester United with Best, Law and Charlton; Cruzeiro with Tostao and Ze Carlos; Slovan Bratislava with Poplular, Pluskal and Joki; Everton with Scott, Vernon and Gabriel.

Now there are only a few in the world. Perhaps Juventus with a Platini, Flamengo with a Zico or Napoli with a Maradona.

Beyond that one can scratch his head.

No, this is one soccer era when one could have more enviable occupations than being a promoter.

## JUNIOR CUP SEMIS

Victorian Junior Cup Semi-Finals to be played at Dendy Park, Brighton on August 17:

SENIOR GROUND: Under 11, 10am: Mitcham v St Albans, Under 12, 11.15am: Preston v Seaford.

GROUND NO 1: Under 12, 10am: Mornington v South Melbourne Hellas, Under 11, 11.10am: Melbourne Croatia v Holland Park, Under 14, 12.10pm: Croydon City v St Albans, Under 16, 1.40pm: Green

Gully v St Albans, Under 15, 3.15pm: Fawkner v Lalor.

GROUND NO 2: Under 13, 10am: Sunshine George Cross v Juventus, Under 14, 11.05am: Sunshine Heights v Mulgrave, Under 15, 1.09pm: Melbourne Croatia v Knox City, Under 13, 2.45pm: Knox City v Green Gully.

GROUND NO 3: Under 18, 10am: South Melbourne Hellas v South Oakleigh, Under 18, 12 noon: Watsons v Kew Park Rangers, Under 16, 2pm: Heidelberg United v Sunshine G.X.

## VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION



VICTORIAN UNDER 13 SQUAD 1985

Back L-R: Alan Parrott (Coach), Dino Mihodic (Moreland) Dennis Kralovic (Highpoint), Louis Bekiaris (Fawkner), Angelos Karageorgiou (St Melb Hellas), Romeo Di Martino (Thomastown), Frank Talia (Knox), Jason Koliba (Ardeer), Spiros Kollevris (St Melb Hellas), Engel Schmidt (Skye), Norm Wood (Manager).

Front L-R: Gino DiBenedetto (Fawkner), Zlate Markouski (Sunshine G.X.), Steven Jerbic (Croatia), Henry Velcovsky (Sunshine Heights), David D'Angelo (Fawkner), Stan Marusic (Croatia), Oliver Pondeljsek (St Albans).



VICTORIAN UNDER 14 SQUAD 1985

Back L-R: Bernie Shaw (Coach), Eddie Kolar, Steve Horvat, Anton Price, Lou Trajevski, Ivan Duzal, Athan Zacharias, Spencer Field, Gordon Crossley (Manager).

Front L-R: Keiran Lennox, Ali Ozgali, Costa Perdikaris, David Mozinga, Mark Manolas, Sasha Jankovic, Brad Langford, Paul DePropertis, Billy Peppos.

## JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The August/September School Holidays is the period when junior soccer comes alive at State and national level with the staging of the Junior National Championships.

The Junior League Management Committee is organising, with the active co-operation of the Latrobe Valley Soccer League, the Under 15s Championship at Traralgon. The host club for the Championship is the Olympian SC. The Victorian squad comprises the majority of last year's Under 14s, who finished as runners up so they only have to show a slight improvement to win the Championship and make it two in a row for the Under 15s.

The Under 13s will travel to Sydney and they will be keen to win as they will want to emulate last year's Under 13s who won that Championship.

The Under 14s go to Salisbury, South Australia and they will be all out to bring the Cup, that just eluded last year's team, back to Victoria.

The hard work of junior administrators, club officials, coaches and players throughout Australia has begun to show the rewards of their labour as can be seen by the successful Australian Under 16s team that competed in the first FIFA World Under 16s Kodak Cup, held earlier this month in China. There were eight Victorian players in the Australian Team and this is the incentive for junior players to prove their worth and gain national and international recognition.

It will be an exhaustive time for all participating in the Championships but nevertheless I feel sure it will be a rewarding one.



# SOPER, RASKOPOULOS FLOOR MAKEDONIA

By ALEX VESIC

**NATIONAL CUP FINAL:**  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Soper 81st, Raskopoulos 83rd) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Cole 12th) at the St George Stadium. Crowd: 6147. Cautions: Cole, Ziras.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier 8, Rogers 7, Ziras 6, Lambropoulos 7, Jennings 8, Johnstone 7, Raskopoulos 8, Katholos 7, Soper 8, Koussas 5 (Polias 67th), Ogun 7.  
**PRESTON MAKEDONIA:** Traianedes 7, McMillan 7, Dunn 8, Dobson 8, Hayes 7, Ilioski 6, Petrov 6, Opasinis 7, Lane 6 - Cole 7, Smith 7.



Triumphant coach Manfred Schaefer.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC, 1985 National Cup winner, from left, standing: Jim Ziras, Martyn Rogers, George Haniotis, Gary Meier, Chris Polias, Stuart Johnston, Graham Jennings. Front: Alex Lambropoulos, Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos, Mark Koussas, Simon Ogun, Marshall Soper. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

Preston Makedonia scored an early goal, then battled gamely to hold off a determined challenge by Sydney Olympic before losing the National Cup Final in an incredible two-minute spell.

Olympic looked doomed as Makedonia, with its slender lead, entered the last 10 minutes. Then came a hotly disputed corner kick to Olympic. Makedonia defenders claimed the ball had come off an Olympic player and asked for a goal kick but in vain.

Makedonia failed to clear the danger after the corner kick and it fell for Peter Katholos who slammed in a low drive. It was stopped by George McMillan but only for Marshall Soper to pounce and score from eight metres. His shot hit the roof of the net with Paul Traianedes helpless.

Suddenly Olympic was transformed by chants of "Olympic, Olympic..." and Makedonia's goals was under siege.

Only two minutes later and following yet another poor clearance, the ball fell to Peter Raskopoulos who unleashed a great right-foot drive.

Traianedes had it covered but the ball took a deflection off the keeper's arm and rolled into the net.

It was a tragic end for a team which, at least on this day, deserved better.

Makedonia seemed to have all the answers as it countered Olympic's aggression with ease.

The visitors scored an early goal after an inexplicable error by Jimmy Ziras. He tried to go past two players on the edge of his own area, lost the ball to Steve Smith and Gary Cole took charge, rushing in to slam a tremendous right-foot drive past Gary Meier.

Olympic's feeble attempts during the first period never looked like breaking the strong Makedonia defence.

In fact it was Makedonia that should have scored again.

Zoran Ilioski received a fine crossfield pass from Ziras and the way to goal looked open. But Ilioski hesitated inside the area and the chance was lost.

Then came the save of the match by Meier after a header by Smith. Meier flew for one of the best saves seen at this stadium. Only a minute later and from a fine cross by Sean Lane, it was Ilioski who broke through but his shot from 15 metres flew over the bar.

Smith had the chance to seal it for the visitors. Ilioski found Cole who in turn crossed to Smith who headed past the post from only six metres.

Smith clutched his head in disbelief. Alas, the breaks just did not go Makedonia's way.

The second half followed a similar pattern.

Olympic held territorial advantage but Makedonia looked by far the more dangerous side.

Lane's corner kick in the 57th minute, saw Ian Dobson with a free header but the finishing just wasn't there. The ball sailed harmlessly past the post. Gary Cole was just wide a minute later and then came the best chance of the match, in the 58th.

Lane crossed from the left



PRESTON MAKEDONIA, from left, standing: Nick Boskov (team manager), Con Opasinis, George McMillan, Bill Piculovski, Phil Traianedes, Robbie Dunn, Gary Cole, Ian Dobson, Bill Murray (coach), John Branov (president). Front: Zoran Ilioski, Gordon Flavell, Graham Heys, George Petrov, Sean Lane, Steve Smith.

to Ilioski at the far post. Unmarked and with only Meier to beat, Ilioski screwed his shot wide of the far post. Makedonia was to regret these narrow misses.

Olympic failed to satisfy its large support on the terraces until close to full time when Soper and Raskopoulos turned this Cup final into celebration for the Greek supported club.

It was fitting that these two played leading roles, for to them, this game was never lost. They never stopped trying and fought valiantly for every ball. Their reward was a goal each and a great cup win.

Meier, Jennings, Ogun and Johnston also played well and had a hand in Olympic's success - Meier with his fine keeping, Jennings with strong defending as well as attacking and Ogun with ball skills and distribution.

Ogun had a couple of

headers during the first half while Soper had one but none troubled Traianedes. Then came a great free kick by Raskopoulos which was just held by the keeper.

Olympic had a good chance when young Chris Polias headed over the bar from close range after a great effort by Raskopoulos on the right-hand side.

Despite this miss, Olympic came back to snatch the Cup from a seemingly impossible position and I cannot help feeling that Olympic enjoys playing at St George Stadium.

I can count on one hand the number of times Olympic has lost there, including its great matches against the touring Hungarian and Vojvodina sides.

Jimmy Petinelis may just decide to make St George an offer for this happy hunting ground.

beating tournament favorite Argentina, then Congo and finally West Germany.

But there is some justice in soccer. Guinea subsequently suffered the same fate as the Australians. It played a 1-1 Semi-final draw with Nigeria, then lost the match on penalty kicks.

The Australians returned to Sydney yesterday (Tuesday). Guinea reached the semi-finals when Australia missed two penalty kicks after being level at 2-2 in the shootout.

The sad ending to a great tournament was too much for some of the soccer kids who went openly.

Having fought hard to earn a draw, the Australians fell prey to a problem which has plagued them throughout the tournament - bad shooting.

Garth Naven missed the third penalty shot and Craig Foster the fourth. Unfortunately for the Australians, the Africans shot truly.

The sell-out crowd of 25,000 applauded both teams off the pitch when the penalty shootout ended.

"A cruel way to be beaten," team manager Ian Brunsco told the young Australians in the dressing room after the match.

The Australians then saw the power of the West German youth soccer machine in action - the power they had overcome because they obeyed the tactics of their coach.

The West Germans reached the final because they have a star, Marcel Witczek, a great World Cup player of the future, according to Dalglish.

Witczek only had a few touches of the ball but scored three of the four German goals against Brazil in their semi-final. The Germans won 3-4.

The Australian coaches said it appeared the West Germans had another Gerd Mueller.

## Nigeria's Cup

Nigeria won the FIFA World Under 16 Championship when it beat West Germany 2-0 in the final in Beijing, with goals by Salisu Nakade (3rd min) and Sani Adamu (79).

The Australians, who beat the West Germans 1-0 and at times made them "look like children" according to coach Vic Dalglish, were sitting in the stand with 90,000 spectators.

Melbourne's Chris Bambridge was given the Number One referee appointment - control of the final.

He had a tough match in which he sent off Nigeria player Imama Amapakabor and issued several times in an hour long film documentary on the tournament, made by Anglia Television of England.

Brazilian William De Oliveira was named Player of the Tournament.

Fate was not kind to the Australians. They were eliminated in the quarter-finals by Guinea on penalty kicks 4-2 after a goalless draw.

This disappointing loss came after 100 minutes of gruelling football in temperatures of 32 degrees Celsius and high humidity.

The Australians had won three qualifying matches,

## Neill at Rothmans dinner

The former Northern Ireland star, Terry Neill, will be the special guest at the first annual Rothmans Medal Dinner for the best and fairest player in the NSL.

Neill, in as career spanning some 15 years, joined Arsenal in 1950 aged 18 and played in over 240 games in his 10 years with the club before moving to Hull City as player-manager in 1970.

During his three years with Hull, he played more than 100 games.

At the age of 18 he gained his first cap for Northern Ireland and firmly established his position over the next decade with his strong tackling and positional play.

From this early introduction into international soccer he went on to represent Northern Ireland 59 times.

In 1970 he turned to management, firstly as player-manager at Hull, then manager at the two great London clubs, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal.

While in Sydney, he will also be special guest at the NSW Rothmans Medal dinner to be held on Monday, September 16 at the Hilton Hotel.

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION		W	D	L	F	A	Pt
STH MELB HELLAS	13	5	3	35	20	31	
B'WICK JUVENTUS	11	6	4	33	19	28	
H'BERG ALEXANDER	10	6	5	29	17	26	
MELB. CROATIA	9	6	6	27	18	24	
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	9	5	7	29	27	23	
Sum-George Cross	7	7	7	22	22	21	
Brisbane Lions	8	4	9	26	27	20	
Green Gully	6	5	10	23	28	17	
Adel C. Juventus	6	5	10	29	35	17	
West Adel.Hellas	6	5	10	24	34	17	
Brisbane City	6	4	11	25	42	16	
Footscray JUST	5	2	14	25	38	12	

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION		W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYD. CITY HAKOAH	14	5	2	38	17	33	
SYDNEY CROATIA	13	5	3	47	22	31	
MARCONI	12	6	3	46	21	30	
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	12	2	7	27	23	26	
C'BERRA OLYMPIANS	8	6	7	31	31	22	
St. Geo. Budapest	7	7	7	30	25	21	
Inter. Monaro	7	5	9	28	36	19	
Blacktown	7	4	10	30	31	18	
APIA-Leichhardt	6	2	13	20	35	14	
Wollongong	4	6	11	26	46	14	
Penrith	3	5	12	20	34	12	
Newcastle-Rosebud	4	4	13	19	41	12	

## Hunter wins \$500

By MARK BRIGDEN

Bris. Lions 3  
Bris. City 0

Scorers: A. Hunter 43th, McClurg 50th, Anderson 69th.

At Richlands Stadium.  
Sent off: Hamilton (BC)

Referee: G. Nicholson  
Crowd 1426  
Teams with ratings by Mark Brigden:

LIONS: Evans 7 - D. Hunter 8, Vasquez 7, A. Hunter 8, Nivan 7 - Jackson 7 (Daunt 77th), McClurg 8, Ogun 7 - Wright 7, J. Stewart 7, Anderson 7, Coach - Gordon Arrowsmith.

CITY: Wishart 6 - Archer 8, Mengotti 7, Milovanovic 6 (Glockner 55th 61) Bromfield 7 - Junna 7, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 8, Fabrizio 6 - Scrings 7, Reis 6 (Caray 73rd), Coach - Jim Hermison.

Best six for Boral Bricks Award: 6. A. Hunter (BL), 5. D. Hunter (BL), 4. McClurg (BL), 3. Archer (BC), 2. Scrings (BC), 1. Mengotti (BC).

Alan Hunter won "Soccer Action's" \$500 Sunicrust NSL Under 21 Player of the Year award with a best-on-ground performance in this emphatic victory by Lions.

Hunter, the big centre back who was sought by Heidelberg early this year, demoralised the Brisbane City forward line and also scored Lions' opening goal.

With only one home-and-away round to go, Hunter has a four-point lead over Alex Bundalo of Wollongong in the Sunicrust voting, and a seven-point break on third-placed Robbie Salter of St. George.

Bundalo is away with the national youth team and Slater is too far behind to catch up.

Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith was particularly pleased with the performance in view of the absence of regular midfielders Russell Stewart (suspension) and Richard Basingthwaite (Australian youth team).

It was one of the replacements, Peter McClurg, who featured in the first two goals.

First, his pass found Hunter who controlled the ball, turned well and shot into the far corner. After a Lions corner 12 minutes later, McClurg volleyed low into the net from 25 metres.

Lack of concentration proved City's undoing late in the 68th minute when Gary Bromfield's backpass was intercepted by Clarke Anderson who had little trouble scoring Lions' third.

City's midfield playmaker, Frank Pimblett, was marked out of the game by McClurg but a sensational send-off by Bobby Hamilton in the 80th minute for an off-the-ball incident, sparked City to its best period of the match.

NSL UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD  
\$500 to the winner

<b>Leaders:</b> 53. A. Hunter (BL) 49. Bundalo (W) 46. Slater (St.G) 39. Maxwell (ACJ) 38. Franken (Can) 36. Dickson (W) 35. R. Stewart (BL) 31. Koczka (St.G)	30. Gojovic (M.Cr), Farina (SCH) 29. Tapai (JUST) 28. Runje (M.Cr) 26. Traianedes (Mak) 24. Kalantzis (SO) 23. Owens (NR) 22. Postecoglou (SMH) 19. Karic (JUST)
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NATIONAL LEAGUE BEST GOALKEEPER AWARD  
\$250 TO THE WINNER

<b>Leaders:</b> 38. Franken (Can), Hoare (Black) 20. Hocking (IM), Greedy (St.G) 28. Runje (M.Cr), Gibson (P) 26. Traianedes (Mak), Kastner (SGC)	25. Oliver (H'b) 23. Wishart (BC) 21. Gosling (NR) 17. Evans (BL), Denys (GG) 16. Meier (SO)
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Makedonia coach Bill Murray (centre) and club president John Branov check their watches near the end of the game. The player on the bench is Bill Piculovski.

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# Boon for Canberra and Inter Monaro?

By  
**PETER WINDSOR**

Radical plans by the ACT Soccer Federation could be the best news in years for Canberra City Olympians and Inter-Monaro.

The Federation's planning committee has agreed, in principle, to an amalgamation of the ACT Football and amateur Canberra Leagues into a new senior league — and to then do away with the 3pm Sunday timeslot for games in favor of 11am and 1pm kick-offs.

This would free a significant number of players — and spectators — to then attend Canberra's or Monaro's NSL games without missing out on playing or supporting their local teams.

A joint meeting of the management committees from the two leagues involved met on Monday to finalise details for the amalgamation and a single new senior league.

However, final debate — and ultimate rejection or approval — now rests with the ACT Assembly of Clubs which meets next Monday to discuss this issue.

## TO THE EDITOR...

SIR — I am a humanities student at La Trobe University. During my holidays I go up to Sydney to visit my family.

The point is that when I see a few Sydney NSL games I am only charged \$2 upon the presentation of my student card. However, in Melbourne this does not apply and thus I am charged the full adult amount.

This question must be seriously looked at by the A.S.F. as to why a student discount admission applies in Sydney and not in Melbourne.

MICHAEL MJEDA,  
a concerned fan

## World cap his aim

Mitar Mrkela wanted to go back to Yugoslavia early last week because he was concerned over a foot injury.

The 20-year-old developed the injury soon after arriving in Australia and was in pain after playing the second half against Australia in Sydney.

But coach Gojko Zec persuaded him to turn out against Northern NSW on the Tuesday night and Mrkela finished full of running after scoring a goal.

Mrkela was the youngest player selected for Yugoslavia when he was chosen at the age of 17 in the national squad for the 1982 World Cup series.

He has built up an impressive record in the past three years — Youth, Under 21, Olympic Games and World cup representation.

"I had done it all by the age of 20 but that hasn't stopped my ambitions," he said.

The World Eleven is usually announced twice a year and I want to get my name on that list to add to the bronze medal I won with the team at the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

— **TED SIMMONS**

# Thank God for Oliver!

By **LAURIE SCHWAB**

**AUSTRALIA 1 (Arnold 10th) RED STAR 4 (M. Djurovski 16th, B. Djurovski 51st & 60th, Mrkela 72nd) at Hindmarsh Stadium, crowd about 3000. Referee: Don Campbell 7. No cautions.**

Line-ups with shirt numbers and ratings:

**AUSTRALIA:** 22 Oliver 8 — 16. Honeyman 5 — 5. Ratcliffe 5, 12. Dunn 5 (9 Mitchell 54th), 3. Jennings 7 — 2. Odzakovic 5, 7. Watson 6, 11. Crino 5, 10. Murphy 5 (13. Petersen 66th) — 8. Soper (19. R. Brown 4, 30th), 15. Arnold 6. Coach: Frank Ark.

**RED STAR:** 1. Ljukovcan 9 — 6. Krmpotic 6, 2. Radovanovic 6, 5. Miletovic 8, 3. Dimitrijevic 6 — 8. B. Djurovski 9, 4. Elsner 5 (14. Ivanovic 7, half time), 7. Nikolic 6, 18. Mrkela 9 — 9. M. Djurovski 8, 16. Musemic 5 (11. Jankovic 7, half time). Coach: Gojko Zec.

Even Red Star coach Gojko Zec conceded that the Socceroos beat themselves in the second half of this match — notwithstanding the excellent form of Mitar Mrkela on the left wing and Bosko Djurovski in midfield.

Australia had the better of the first half during which it had eight scoring attempts to Red Star's five, but threw caution to wind and paid the

penalty after Red Star took a 2-1 lead just after half time.

All of a sudden, no-one worried about defending. Five and six players at a time would storm forward and when the move broke down, they d strolled back leisurely as Red Star terrorised poor Jeff Oliver at the other end.

Had it not been for Oliver's brilliant saves, Red Star could have ended the match with anything up to eight goals!

But, as the match wore on, this became little more than an Australian reserve team. Only five regulars remained at the end.

Graham Honeyman made his debut as sweeper. He looked composed and confident but in the second half, he was as beleaguered as everyone else.

Robbie Dunn was quite sound as the marker of Husef Musemic in the first half. He had a blood nose during this period, and after half time he inadvertently gave a short ball to Bosko Djurovski who scored Red Star's second goal. Dunn was replaced shortly afterwards by forward David Mitchell, and with one less defend-

er on the field, Red Star found it even easier to break through.

Mrkela was the key man for Red Star. He displayed his amazing skill on the left flank and was involved in practically every move. Zarko Odzakovic, his opponent, was helpless to stop him, but did contribute a few good things going forward.

In the middle, Milko Djurovski had the better of Ratcliffe, but during the first half, it was Australia that looked more capable of winning.

Arnold did everything right in early play and, indeed, was to score the opening goal. In the meantime, however, Mrkela — after blatantly pushing Dunn with his outstretched hand — crossed to Musemic whose header was caught confidently by the diving Oliver.

For the opening goal, Marshall Soper latched onto a ball missed by Zlatko Krmpotic, weaved his way into the penalty area, laid it back to Jennings, accepted the return pass and slipped it square to Arnold who beat Ljukovcan with a low shot.

## Man of the match: MITAR MRKELA (Red Star)

Soper initiated another raid as he dashed past Zoran Dimitrijevic, laid it off to Joe Watson, and ran onto Watson's forward job only to be denied by Ljukovcan.

Red Star made it 1-1 in the 16th minute. Mrkela lobbed the ball into the middle where Milko Djurovski had shaken off Ratcliffe and with Oliver coming out, Djurovski played the ball over him into the empty net.

Soper was injured in a tackle shortly afterwards but soldiered on, at least for the time being.

On a through ball from Odzakovic, Oscar Crino ran into the area where he was met by Ljukovcan who went down and stayed down, leaving Crino in the clear, but Radovanovic came across to tackle Crino in the nick of time.

Ljukovcan saved Red Star when he came up with a remarkable reflex action that prevented Arnold from scoring and after the resultant corner, he held a glancing header from Ratcliffe.

Crino, at the far post, headed a cross from Jennings in the 26th minute. Soper flew at it but missed the ball, which went centimetres past the far post.

Soper was hurt again in a collision with Dimitrijevic three minutes later, and this time he had to go off. Red Brown came on as the replacement, and Australia had lost its most effective forward.

Australia continued to have chances galore. Watson put Arnold into the clear in the area but instead of shooting when he faced Ljukovcan, Arnold thought twice, perhaps wanting to get a better opening. He tried to slip past Miletovic on his right, and Miletovic dispossessed him.

Milko Djurovski forced excellent saves from Oliver with a free kick and a shot which was, however, offside, and as the first half ended, Ljukovcan made a good save to deny Ratcliffe.

Red Star coach Gojko Zec had been unhappy with the way Marko Elsner held up play in midfield, so he brought on Milan Jankovic to deliver quick, simple passes to Mrkela to make full use of the winger's speed and skill. It worked fine.

After Bosko Djurovski had made it 2-1, Mitchell replaced Dunn and Australia reverted to a traditional four-man backline, with Odzakovic forced

deeper still to try to hold Mrkela.

Before Red Star took over completely, Ken Murphy had a shot saved by Ljukovcan. That was the end, though.

Milko Djurovski was stopped by Oliver. Mrkela belted narrowly past the post and, inevitably, Red Star went further ahead in the 60th minute.

Milko Djurovski brought the ball down and played a back-heeler to his brother Bosko who did the rest.

Mike Petersen replaced Murphy with 24 minutes to go but Red Star continued to make the Australians look silly.

A remarkable one-handed save by Oliver stopped a goal by Mrkela and Mitchell, who had dropped back, headed clear.

But two minutes later, after a cross from Bosko Djurovski, Mrkela, unmarked, netted Red Star's fourth goal.

Another brilliant one-handed save by Oliver prevented Bosko Djurovski from completing a hat-trick. Brother Milko managed to skip around Oliver in the 85th minute, but his shot hit Ratcliffe, standing on the goal line.

Left back Jennings had a chance to score for Australia three minutes from the end but Ljukovcan made the last of the many excellent saves which made him one of the best players of the match.

## Red Star 6-2

All matches between Red Star and Australia:

1977  
Australia 1 (Abonyi) Red Star 3 (Bogicovic 2, Savic), at MCG.

Australia 1 (Kosmina) Red Star 3 (Jovanovic, Bogicovic, Lukic) at Olympic Park.

Australia 1 (Harding) Red Star 3 (Calasan 2, Jovanovic) at SCG.

Australia 2 (Kosmina, Harding) Red Star 3 (Savic, Seatic, Filipovic) at Olympic Park.

1985  
Australia 0 Red Star 2 at Olympic Park.

Australia 4 (Crino, Odzakovic, Soper, Arnold) Red Star 1 (Musemic) at St. George Stadium.

Australia 1 (Arnold) Red Star 4 (B. Djurovski, 2. M. Djurovski, Mrkela) at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Australia 4 (Mitchell, Yankospen, Patikas, Arnold) Red Star 0 at Olympic Park.

**RED STAR BELGRADE 3 (Musemic 2, Mrkela) NORTHERN NSW 1 (D. Stewart) at Speers Point, Newcastle. Crowd: 5,000.**

Red Star Belgrade was forced to move into top gear to beat a determined Northern New South Wales 3-1 at Speers Point, in Newcastle last week.

The touring Yugoslav side shocked the locals with a goal in the second minute but was forced to produce its skills in the second half when the northern team levelled the scores.

The match was only 90 seconds old when striker Husef Musemic chested down a cross from Bosko Djurovski, turned and hit the ball past keeper Craig Grills.

Red Star was comfortably on top during the remainder of the first half although John Macquarrie and David Lowe were astray with good chances midway through the half.

By **TED SIMMONS**

National team prospects Lowe and Peter Tredinnick were eager to make an impression and boost their chances of gaining Socceroo selection.

But neither could find their feet or the goal and were responsible for a number of missed opportunities.

Six minutes into the second half, Tredinnick forged into the penalty area with only keeper Tomislav Ivkovic to beat but sliced the ball wide.

Ten minutes later, Macquarrie was placed in a perfect scoring position from Joe Senkalski but hesitated in controlling the ball and finally pushed it wide.

However, Northern New South Wales' persistence paid off in the 85th minute when a free kick by Tredinnick just outside the penalty area deflected off a defender and winger Darren Stewart headed the ball past Ivkovic.

The goal stung Red Star into action and quick raids on the Northern New South

Wales goal were launched by Mitar Mrkela, Miralem Zjajo and Jovica Nikolic.

Star striker Musemic put his team in front after a twisting run by Zlatko Krdzovic whose pass was pushed over the line for a corner by George Raffy.

Krdzovic took a quick corner to Miodrag Krivokapic whose centre was side-footed into the net by Musemic.

Northern New South Wales had two good scoring opportunities in the last seven minutes.

But Raffy missed from six metres and Peter Stone watched helplessly as the ball spun off the keeper and away from the Northern player following good lead-up work by Lowe.

Red Star sealed the match one minute from time when Mrkela exploded through the penalty area and hammered a left foot drive past diving replacement keeper Clint Gosling.

Red Star fielded six internationals in preparation for its third clash against Australia in Adelaide last Friday night, which Red Star won 4-1.

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AUSTRALIA 4 (Mitchell 10th, Yankos pen. 66th, Patikas 68th, Arnold 89th) RED STAR BELGRADE 0 at Olympic Park, crowd about 5500. Referee: Stuart Mellings 6. Cautions: O'Connor, Murphy, Miletovic, Ivanovic.

Teams, with shirt numbers and ratings out of 10:

AUSTRALIA: 1. Greedy 7  
4. Yankos 8 5. Ratcliffe 7  
7. 6. O'Connor 7 18. Gray 8  
8. 2. Odzakovic 8, 7. Watson 7  
(17. McCulloch 6, 50th), 11. Crino 7 10. Murphy 7 14. Paikas 9, 9. Mitchell 7 (15. Arnold, 76th). Coach: Frank Arok

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9. M. Djurovski 5, 16. Museric 4 (4. Elsnar 57th). Coach: Gajko Zec

Bring on China, bring on New Zealand, Israel and Taiwan — the Soccerroos, having learned a lesson in Adelaide, have the smell of success and cold cash in their nostrils after winning their four-match series against Red Star in a sensational turnaround.

They returned from Adelaide trailing by a goal and by two goals on aggregate. They needed a 2-0 victory in Melbourne just to tie the series — and I was silly enough to suggest that seemed impossible.

Such is the character of Arok's Australian team that, despite the absence of Marshall Soper, Graham Jennings and John Kosmina, it swamped Red Star by four!

That gave the Soccerroos the series, with a goals advantage of 9-2, after both teams had won twice.

Jim Patikas, included in the opening line-up for the first time since the 3-1 loss to Vasco Da Gama in Sydney in June, was a dominant influence on the match, scoring a goal, winning one penalty but deserving two, playing a part in another and delivering the ball that almost enabled Tommy McCulloch to score.

Patikas's speed and his running off the ball demanded of the Red Star defenders more than they were willing to give. But Patikas could not have done what he did without the appropriate through passes from midfield. These passes — by them from Oscar Crino, Zarko Odzakovic, Joe Watson, or Charlie Yankos — sent Patikas away in withering sprints. He scored expertly in one of them, and in another he was held by the shirt to keep him from adding another.

But coach Frank Arok, who has moulded this team the way Frankenstein created his monster, made it clear after the game that despite Patikas's qualities and the contribution of Ian Gray at right back, the first 11 remain unchanged.

With Alan Davidson returning from Nottingham Forest to play in the World Cup qualifying games, those first 11 are: Terry Greedy, Charlie Yankos, David Ratcliffe, Steve O'Connor, Alan Davidson, Zarko Odzakovic, Oscar Crino, Ken Murphy, Graham Jennings, Marshall Soper, John Kosmina.

But it must be getting harder and harder for Arok to maintain his resolve. Not only Patikas has a claim among the elite. So too does his Sydney Croatia team-mate Graham Arnold, top scorer of the series against Red Star, with three goals.

And Joe Watson still is in there with an excellent chance of even displacing one of the 11. In fact, Arok never has said that Watson is out. It simply was presumed by one and all that when Davidson returns, Odzakovic will go to central midfield, as he did so effectively last Sunday, and that Watson then would be on the bench.

Watson, however, had a very good series indeed. He is a cheeky will o' the wisp with immaculate close control and great creativity.

But away from the Australians for a moment. Let's look at Red Star in this final match. Coach Gajko Zec said: "Our defenders did not do their jobs. Australia's two strikers had a field day." Apart from that, he played down his team's abysmal display, saying:

"I take nothing away from Australia, but my players have had enough of playing and of travelling."



Laurie Schwab

Man of the match:  
**JIM PATIKAS**  
(Australia)



David Mitchell (right) opens Australia's account against Red Star at Olympic Park last Sunday. The Soccerroos won 4-0.



Soccerroo strongman Steve O'Connor (left) watches anxiously as the ball sails safely past the Australian goal. At night is Red Star's Jovica Nikolic.

The absence of injured left back Zoran Dimitrijevic and especially left wingman Mitar Mrkela weakened Red Star but their Mrkela didn't play in the first match, which Red Star won 2-4, and Zec was entitled to expect much more from key men Bosko Djurovski, Slavko Radovanovic, Hasref Musemic, and even Milko Djurovski although the service to him was practically non-existent.

We'll never know exactly how much Red Star's indifference contributed to the scoreline, but even the most avid Red Star fan would have found it very difficult for the Yugoslavs to get along.

The return of Steve O'Connor and especially Charlie Yankos, to the defence, and the inclusion of Gray at right back, coupled with Odzakovic's switch to central midfield, resulted in the stifling of Red Star's forwards and it's creative midfielders. Only Jovica Nikolic kept coming through from the midfield.

Bosko Djurovski thoroughly was beaten by Odzakovic, as were all the other midfielders. Zec, asked which Australians had impressed him most, said: "The two front players (Patikas and Mitchell) decided the match, but I believe Australia still needs two good flank players."

About Australia's World Cup chances, he said: "The Australians are aggressive, they have method, they are fast and physically strong, they are not naive — except in Adelaide — and they can use their height in defence."

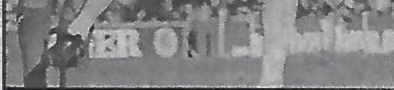
As for the value of the series to Red Star's preparation for the coming season, Zec said: "The trip served its purpose. There were periods when we played brilliant soccer, there were periods when we were bad. There are problems to be ironed out, so it was a typical part of pre-season preparation."

Frank Arok faced the Press bubbling with joie de vivre. "The only thing we wanted after the Adelaide debacle was to prevent them from scoring. Then we would be in business," he said.

Ken Murphy had the difficult task of having to cover Jennings' left back position, as well as push up on the left flank — the way Odzakovic had played in previous matches.

Murphy might not have looked impressive but he did a lot of thankless hard work. Red Star had Zarko Djurovski, Milan Jankovic and Milan Ivanovic in place of Dimitrijevic, Mrkela and Marko Elsnar who had played in Adelaide.

Ivanovic played left back, and emerged as one of the few who showed any desperation. Jankovic went to left midfield and Djurovski was one of the central midfielders. Elsnar was to come on during the second half.



David Mitchell (right) soars high and wins this heading duel with Red Star defender Slavko Radovanovic. Pictures: ZBIGNIEW CIERPISZ

ever, he was to make way later for Tommy McCulloch. Crino, always alert to runs by his strikers, sent Mitchell away down the right in the 39th minute. Murphy darted hell for leather through the middle, to give Mitchell a target, but the cross, when it was played was intercepted in the air by Dragan Miletovic.

Red Star didn't manage a corner until two minutes before half time, but it was Australia that came close to scoring again when Mitchell headed down a long free kick from Yankos. Patikas knocked the ball over the head of an opponent, but shot wide.

Zlatko Krdzovic and Miralem Zjajo replaced Jankovic and Djurovski at half time, but neither made an impression. Australia resumed with one of the best chances of the game. Patikas went down the left, his cut-back was missed by Radovanovic in the middle, giving unmarked Mitchell the opportunity virtually to walk the ball into the net. Instead, he missed the open goal.

Red Star's strike force was reduced to just Milko Djurovski when Musemic was replaced by Elsnar in the 57th minute. Elsnar spent most of his time on the left, with Krdzovic behind him. Ivanovic grabbed Patikas by the shirt as the Australian striker tried to dash away on a long ball from Ratcliffe, but Krdzovic did not blow his whistle.

Ivanovic then went on a foray into attack, where he just missed with a header. Then it was back to his defensive post, where he felled Patikas from behind and conceded the penalty from which Yankos made it 2-0.

Patikas broke again two minutes later. On a pass from McCulloch, Patikas on the right flank found himself played inside by Radovanovic way out on the left. He darted goalwards, and slipped a brilliantly executed low shot past Ljukovcan.

Graham Arnold replaced Mitchell in the 76th minute and in a rare Red Star attack, Milko Djurovski appeared to be through, but was foiled by an expertly-timed tackle from Yankos.

Ljukovcan foiled McCulloch, getting to the ball a split second ahead of the midfielder after a neat square pass from Patikas, and with one minute to go, Patikas slipped the ball to Crino on the right and Crino's cross was headed home by Arnold.

Mitchell looked like scoring again as he headed off, past Radovanovic, but he lost control of the ball, leading to a counter-attack in which Milko Djurovski got to the byline, only to find Terry Greedy right in front of him, blocking his attempted cross.

Patikas's first break came in the 24th minute and it was finished off with a square ball to Oscar Crino who could have shot first-time, but delayed and was closed down.

Next time Patikas broke clear, it was on a long ball from Yankos. Ivanovic brought Patikas down inside the box, and Patikas was left sitting on the ground, shaking his head in disbelief after referee Stuart Mellings had refused to award a penalty.

Mellings, incidentally, has never been as lenient as he was in this match. Offences which would have resulted in yellow cards or at least free kicks, were left unpunished too often.

The hearts of the Australian players not directly involved in the action, must have snail when Milko Djurovski latched onto a low drive from Djurovski and stabbed it past Greedy for what looked like the equaliser after a neat square pass from Ratcliffe, however, turned to linesman Sam Zoumas immediately, and indeed, Zoumas had his flag up for offside.

If Australia should have had a penalty by then, Red Star deserved one when Watson pushed Musemic as the big striker was trying to reach a cut-back from Nikolic in the 31st minute. Again Mellings said no.

## KALANTZIS STARS

The Australian youth team beat TOP Oss 3-1 in its first practice match in Holland on Sunday.

Star of the match was Sydney Olympic striker Chris Kalantzis who scored in the 10th and 44th minutes. Warren Spink (Makedonia) who later was injured, scored the other goal, in the 39th minute, while van Lint replied for Oss.

The Australian team, with ratings: Jones 7 — M. Jones 6, Hooker 6, Kotzamalichis 6 (Postecoglou 70th), Gregson 6 — Bundalo 7, Sharpe 7, Panagis 7 — Spink (inj. sub. Ingham 59th), Kalantzis 9, Hristodoulou 7 (Bassingthwaite 70th).

## Shoulder slams youths as countdown begins

By  
**CRAIG MACKENZIE**

Jim Shoulder's tongue-lashing still was ringing in the ears of the national youth team when it flew out of Australia last Friday to spend 10 days in Holland preparing for this month's World Youth Championships in Russia.

Shoulder, the national youth coach, blasted his players after their 0-5 loss to NSW in the curtain raiser to Australia's first game of the tour in Sydney two weeks ago. So did the soccer press.

The caning we took from the press was totally justified. In fact, it's probably the best thing that could have happened because too many of the lads who played in that match were starting to believe their own publicity," said Shoulder.

"I was disgusted with their attitude. Too many of them took this game simply as a practice run to show off to the Sydney public just what good players they were. That wasn't the attitude we had before winning our qualifying series earlier in the year and I've got a fortnight to get the lads back into the right frame of mind."

Shoulder also hit out at criticism he's received for having six Australian Institute of Sports players in his 18-man squad.

Against NSW I used National League players. "I wish people would give me a bit of credit for trying to pick the best squad. There's been a bit of a smoke screen built up around the institute lads by guys who've never seen them play and just because you play in the NSL doesn't mean that you're automatically better than those who don't."

"Andrew Bernal never played in the National League but no-one's going to tell me that he's not good enough." Bernal has signed with leading Spanish club Sporting Gijon and is unavailable to play in the youth finals.

Shoulder and his national youth squad currently are in Sitarid in Holland where final tactical preparations will take place. Australian plays in the opening game of the World Youth Championships against the host nation then takes on Canada and Nigeria in its quest to reach the quarter-finals.

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The 16 finalists contesting the 1985 World Youth Championships are split into four groups of four. The top two at the end of the preliminary round of matches advance to the quarter-finals.

GROUP A

In Erevan: Hungary, Colombia, Yuna, Bulgaria.

GROUP B

In Tiflis: Ireland, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Spain.

GROUP C

In Minsk: Russia, Australia, Nigeria, Canada.

GROUP D

In Bakur: England, Paraguay, China, Mexico.

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## Can Lynn's men win promotion?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"I make no promises but we definitely have everything to play for, that's for sure. If the players maintain their discipline we can get promoted and if we do we've got such a young side that we'd only need a couple of inclusions to do well in State League."

But Mike Lynn's thoughts quickly return to the present. Sunbury is locked in a bitter promotion struggle in the First Division of the Victorian Leagues and coach Lynn knows that the weeks ahead represent a tremendous challenge to his players.

"This probably is the most competitive league I've been associated with in Australia," said Lynn.

"Just when a side has a chance to open up a bit of a gap, it blows it. It's been like that throughout the season and the promotion issue looks like going right down to the wire. Even when I was in State League you only had four, maybe five sides that were really competitive. There are

Mike Lynn is in his first year as coach of Sunbury. Lynn 35, is an administrator in the sport and physical recreation department at Melbourne University. He was born in Leeds in England and was apprenticed for two years at Wolverhampton Wanderers. He came to Australia to join Ringwood Wilhelmina in 1970. In 1977 he played with Croydon and in November, 1979, was appointed coach of Fawkner, just prior to that club's success against Brunswick Juventus in the final of the Coppa Italia. Under Lynn, Fawkner won promotion to Second Division in 1980 and in 1981 it won the Second Division title. Lynn was sacked by Fawkner two days before the kick off to the 1982 season. He coached Polonia in State League in 1982 but was sacked halfway through the season and was appointed coach of Melbourne in First Division. Under Lynn, Melbourne finished fourth last season and last November he was appointed coach of Sunbury.

about nine such sides in First Division.

"And most of the teams, apart from Sunbury and Caulfield, have very experienced players."

Lynn hopes to stay at Sunbury for at least three years in order to build the kind of side which fits snugly into his philosophy on how the game should be played. At the risk of sounding too textbookish, let's say that Lynn's coaching philosophy centres upon practising the removal of unforced errors.

Sunbury's assistant coach, Andrew Depreto, has worked with Lynn for a couple of years and is on Sunbury's books as a goalkeeper, so he can slot in for Paton, if needed. Lynn also is assisted by Ronnie Duncanson, who plays in Sunbury's reserves. Duncanson assists Lynn with the first team squad while Depreto concentrates on young players in both the senior and reserves squads. Lynn also has introduced his experienced first team player Kit Greechan, to coaching, allowing Greechan to hold sessions. This overall set-up

allows for specialised coaching as the first team squad can be split into three or four groups whenever Lynn sees fit.

But let's now look at Lynn's view of the 17 players in his first team squad.

**GEORGE PATON** (Goalkeeper): "Probably the most consistent goalkeeper I've had playing for me. He's got good reflexes, is a good trainer, and easily could play in State League."

**ANDREW PURDY** (Goalkeeper): "Andrew's only 16 but this lad has enormous potential. His reflexes are superb. What he's got to learn is dedication. Once he commits himself more to the game he'll come on in leaps and bounds."

**NEIL SKINNER** (Defender): "Used to play with Richmond. I've played Neil at right back but he was used as a stopper last year. He's really dedicated and never misses a session, even though he lives in Scoresby. He's an excellent clubman."

**TREVOR CAMPBELL** (Defender): "Trevor's the captain but he's had a dreadful run with injury this season. He's only played five games. He started off in midfield but I moved him to sweeper. He's a class player, very good on the ball, and he's also a good talker out on the field."

**RON KREMERS** (Defender): "Ronnie had a horrendous start, in fact I had to drop him. He wasn't really fit and on reflection I erred by playing him because he hadn't fully recovered from an operation. But he's come back and worked hard on his fitness. He's good at winning the ball and his disposal is excellent."

**PAUL BERANIC** (Defender): "Only 19 and, of course, played in the National League with Gully. He's a very steady player and is developing well. His attitude is excellent too. I've got a lot of time for Paul."

**ALAN BLACKLEY** (Defender): "I've used him in midfield, as a stopper and as a sweeper so he's been moved around a bit. He's a tremendous clubman and he's always done well wherever he's played. He's a very important member of the squad."

**COLIN HAYNES** (Defender): "Only has played one game in the seniors but he's been a great servant to Sunbury. He's unlucky because his best spot is at right back but Neil Skinner's had an excellent year."

**JOHN TWINE** (Midfielder): "Signed from Richmond last year and one of our best players this year, in fact he's had a tremendous season. He's responded exceptionally well



to my coaching and understands exactly what I want. He's a little dynamo. He works up and down that right hand side of the field non-stop. He's in everything during the game."

**DANE BERANIC** (Midfielder): "Joined last year from Green Gully. He's at his best in midfield and he's playing very, very well right now. He's winning everything."

**KIT GREECHAN** (Midfielder): "He's had an excellent year in a role he's maybe not used to. I've used Kit as the general in the middle rather than as an attacking midfielder. His distribution is superb and his vision is excellent. He's a very important part of Sunbury's first team."

**GEORGE TRAIKOVSKI** (Midfielder): "Very consistent and despite what he had to say in 'Soccer Action' the other week, he's a very quiet and unassuming lad. George never gives the ball

away. He really uses it well. If he has a weakness it's that he's not daring enough inside the attacking third, but he's a great tackler and his work rate is phenomenal."

**DAVID DEACON** (Midfielder): "He's just been promoted to the first team squad and he's got bags of potential. He can finish well and he's got good vision. He needs to strengthen his body and we'll get him working on the weights."

**PAUL LEWIS** (Midfielder): "Paul's only had one game in the firsts but he's an excellent squad member and his attitude is superb. He's very dedicated."

**MARTIN CATTERSON** (Forward): "Our top scorer and he's just 19. He's a real character. He can't stop talking, even during the sprints at training. He's got to learn that he's got a specific role up front and to do things for the benefit of the team apart from scoring

but he's in the process of learning that."

**JOHN CATTERSON** (Forward): "Physically stronger than his brother Martin and incredible in the air. He too is a good finisher."

**SEBBY MAGNANO** (Forward): "He's had a disappointing year by his standards. He's been playing well but not finishing but he's got tremendous skills and he's only 21."

So can these men carry Sunbury into the 1985 State League or will this progressive club have to wait one more year before achieving State League status?

Coming weeks will tell, but Lynn makes no bones about the challenge his players face.

"Every game will be like a cup final from now on. We'll be playing against a couple of the sides embroiled in the promotion race and these games will be well worth watching."

## A VIEW FROM

Arnie Andrews (pictured), is in his fourth year as president of Sunbury. He's been on the committee for 10 years and also has served as vice-president for three years.

Andrews was born in Oldham in England and is married with two sons. He played Rugby League in his younger days and came to Australia in 1967. He holds a preliminary coaching badge, one of the few club presidents in soccer in this country who can lay claim to having an understanding of coaching.

Here he gives his views on Sunbury's future and enters into the raging debate concerning the format of the National League:

**Why is Sunbury United involved with this "Soccer Action" supplement?**

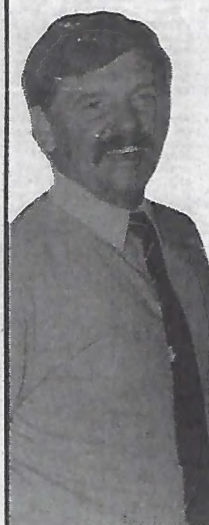
This month is the 10th anniversary of Sunbury United at its home ground at Langrana Park. In these 10 years the club has come from the Sunday leagues (District League) to the edge of State League and along the way its reputation for organisation has been recognised by most soccer followers.

**Will United make State League?**

Yes, that is inevitable, and when we do we will be ready in every way — financially, organisationally and facility wise, as well as having a well prepared team.

**Is your team good enough for State League?**

United has a good squad which is well coached and has a balance of experienced and locally developed players. The squad is capable of beating teams in the Victorian League, and three quarters of the State League teams. Our player development and recruitment system has worked well over the years, and I am confident that it will continue to do so in the future.



• Sunbury first aid man, Charlie Williams, treats first team squad member Colin Haynes. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

## The man with magic fingers

Over the years, team support officials have provided services far in excess of what was first envisaged.

Charlie Williams, United's first aid man, is no exception. To quote one of his players: "He has magic fingers, he can bring bruises out within minutes". And members of the club, regardless of age, seek advice, from Charlie on various aches and pains.

He comes from Burma, and is a quiet man who still commands respect with his presence. He came to Sunbury via George Cross with high credentials, and has been infected by Sunbury's futuristic outlook. Presently, he is developing a physio-room and weight room. He proposes to supervise weight training programs for both injured players and players needing to develop their bodies to peak fitness.

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League and followed it up again as  
player-coach in 1975. Green Gully  
enticed him, on loan, in 1976. It  
duty won the championship and  
Roy won the Metropolitan League  
Best and Fairest. He returned to  
Sunbury and won the Best and  
Fairest in the Provisional League  
in 1977.

forced to retire in his early  
twenties due to injury.  
In following years the club was  
well served by players of the cal-  
ibre of Barry Webb, Mick Gilligan,  
George Train, Marcus Clark,  
Robbie Duncanson and others.  
Last year, stalwart Trevor  
Campbell was runner-up in the lea-  
gue's Best and Fairest.

## The tale of Sunbury's remarkable rise . . .

Sunbury was formed in 1973 by a group of expatriate Europeans who wanted to play the game on which they'd been brought up.

In the first year, friendly games were arranged against various branches of the armed forces, visiting British merchant ships, and on one occasion a Russian ship that docked in Melbourne.

At that time there were no soccer pitches in Sunbury so the club played its first two seasons on any available Australian Rules pitches which were converted to soccer pitches on each match day.

1974 was the club's first year in competition proper and it was placed in the now defunct Western District League. Sunbury stayed in this league for three seasons and its record was very good for a newly formed club.

In 1974 the seniors finished first, the reserves finished fifth, in 1975 the seniors finished fourth, the reserves were sixth, and in 1976 the seniors finished second and the reserves finished first.

In the first move of what now has become a long history of successful co-operation between the club and the local council, arrangements were made to convert an old paddock into a soccer complex.

In August 1975, Sunbury moved to its present home on seven and a half acres of sports ground at Langama Park.

Over the years that area has been developed and there now are three senior pitches, two junior pitches (with room for two more), two cricket pitches and three practice nets, and enough floodlighting to keep everyone happy.

Although there still is room for improvement to the floodlighting on the main pitch, over the years night matches have been played against a variety of visitors

including State and National League clubs, junior and senior state squads and touring European teams.

With the great availability of space it is possible to keep the main pitch in first class condition and still not risk injury to players by training on poor training areas.

Since 1977, when Sunbury was promoted from the Western District League to the Provisional League Division two, the club's success has been pretty remarkable.

The first team finished top in 1978 (Provisional two), top in 1980 (Provisional one), second in 1981 (Metropolitan four), and in the major league restructuring of 1983/84 — the club's 10th year — it received a promotion jump from Metropolitan three to Metropolitan one.

In that period the reserve squad ably has supported the firsts, gaining one top position and two third spots in their leagues.

In 1981, ladies squad was formed and its success was demonstrated when it supplied three players for the state team which travelled to Perth for the Australian championships in 1984. In 1985, this squad provided a player for the under 17 ladies championship played in Tasmania.

Sunbury has six different age groups in its junior section and the philosophy behind the operation of the juniors is that soccer is fun and recreation. Winning is not the only objective.

In a suburb in which there is a relatively small number of people either wishing or able to play soccer, this policy seems to be working as more than 25 percent of the senior list players are junior development players from the local area.

## A CREDIT FOR UNITED

major sponsor of Sunbury is North-  
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sors successful Sunbury Shield seven-a-side com-  
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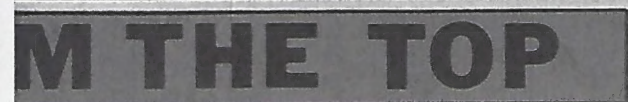
Development of the complete sponsorship package, for  
and minor sponsors, largely has been based on the

concept of — "Buy local for local support."

Northern Credit, for example, is used by the club for much  
of its banking facilities and it in turn offers special arrange-  
ments for club members.

On the other hand, the club recently has obtained a com-  
plete set of new track suits by arranging for individual players  
to be sponsored by businesses in the Sunbury area.

Each player's track suit therefore carries the name of his  
local sponsor.



bury you seem to place a lot of import-  
developing facilities. Why?

ago, we decided that to attract quality players,  
I supporters to Sunbury we must provide facilities  
ve of other clubs — social, training, playing, and  
ilities. Our success in this area can be measured  
svelling across the city to play for United.  
tor and social facilities encourage supporters to  
bury. Our home attendances at the highest in the  
we have NSL clubs queuing up to play friendly  
sint United. Already this year we have played  
h Melbourne-Hellas and Juventus. We lost both  
but we made many friends.

about the control of supporters? Do you  
problems here?

not had problems in this area and that's on record,  
yes down to balance. Among 500 supporters we  
re or so problem supporters, but the peer group  
the situation. Consider a larger supported club  
es the numbers. It is almost impossible to rely on  
role, which in turn causes more problems.  
bject of support, we have a faithful band of sup-  
follow us everywhere, and it is worth pointing out  
a provided the majority of supporters at most of  
we have played this year. I find it hard to imagine  
f these clubs survive on their support, but that's  
ect.

is your assessment of the present  
league set up?

ualified to comment with any authority. However,  
to my views, so I will give them.  
tion into a locally identified league will increase

in not suggesting that the National League should  
What I'm suggesting is that clubs play in both a  
tional competition as well as an end-of-season  
nament. And the standard of play throughout  
t be maintained and monitored by such a set-up,  
nsider that every Friday night at Olympic Park

there is a double header, involving top teams — local versus  
interstate teams.

This would be a promoter's dream; spectators would form a  
habit of a night out at the soccer, and most importantly no  
local competitions would be inconvenienced.

Players would benefit from gauging themselves against  
other top players from interstate. Plus, they would benefit  
from payments from two matches in three days every month.

As for the end of season tournament, every man and his  
dog considers it an improvement on the present setup.

What do you consider as being the greatest  
influence on the improvement of Victorian  
soccer in the past decade?

Some may say the introduction of a National league. I do  
not fall into this school of thought. I believe that improvement  
comes from within, and soccer is no exception.

For those who can remember, the setting up of the Provisional  
League and the resulting promotion/legation into Metropolitan  
Leagues was the main factor that improved the  
standard of Victorian soccer. In those days ground facilities  
and club administration governed your league status.

The result has been that Morwell Falcons, Frankston Pines,  
Fawkner, Thomastown and other clubs have developed from  
small foundations. Their promotion runs have been based on  
discipline encouraged in those lower leagues.

Clubs should not simply buy promotion through the transfer  
market and player payments. Rather, they should prove the  
depth of their organisation by providing defined playing,  
changing, training, spectator and social facilities.

Standards should be set by the Management Committees  
for each league, and these should be enforced through the  
Board of Management by the criteria for promotion and re-  
legation.

Maybe then more supporters will attend soccer matches,  
because they can watch in comfort.

Gone are the days when clubs spend thousands of dollars  
on players and nothing on spectator facilities. Or are they?

Recently, I attended an NSL match and watched some of  
Australia's best players in action. After paying \$6, I stood in  
the mud eating a cold pie and wondering how come the  
players were so professional and the facilities so amateurish.



## A FAMILY AFFAIR

How many clubs have two sets of brothers  
playing together in their first team  
squad?

Pictured above are the Beranic brothers, Dane (left)  
and Paul. Below are the Catterson brothers, John  
(left) and Martin.  
John Catterson, 21, recently joined United from

Coburg while Martin, 18, is in his third season with  
Sunbury. Dane Beranic, 20, is in his second season  
while Paul, 19, was recruited earlier this year.

Sunbury prides itself on being a family club and it  
also prides itself on developing locally produced play-  
ers. These brothers represent both aspects of such  
policy. They reflect the friendly family atmosphere  
that long has been promoted at Sunbury United.



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Western Suburbs' central defensive duo, Andy Esposito (left) and Steve Dimovski. Picture: LES SHOR-ROCK.

## Austria hits back

**WAVERLEY CITY 1 (Budd 43rd) KEILOR AUSTRIA 1** Victorian Second Division match at Gardiners Creek Reserve, Saturday.

WAVERLEY CITY: Darch-Storer, Patterson, Dixon, Cullen-Drouge, Willocks (Parrow 75th), Grimwade-Budd, Gamers, Crompton.

For the sixth time this season, Waverley City had to settle for a home draw after Keilor Austria staged a determined second-half comeback.

At least four of those draws, including Saturday's, were made possible by undue generosity from the hosts. Indeed, Waverley City has won more league games on opponents

grounds than at Gardiners Creek Reserve.

The visit of Keilor Austria took on an uncanny likeness to several other home fixtures when Waverley dominated the first half. Excellent goalkeeping from Austria's Tommy Costello and some less-than-clinical finishing meant Waverley had only one goal to show for its efforts.

That came when Micky Budd latched on to a loose ball after a free kick and placed his shot just under the crossbar to give Costello no chance.

Despite having played some of its best football for some time, Waverley's afternoon deteriorated into a dull struggle with the bottom-placed team which snared an equaliser mid-way through the second half.

## No sweepers, so it's thrills galore

**F'ston Pines 2 W. Suburbs 3**

Scorers: K. Coyle 2nd, 62nd, McGuinness 39th (WS); Miller 58th, Thomas penalty 64th (FP).

Venue: Monterey Reserve.

In many ways this was an incredible contest. Neither side had a spare man at the back; Pines got a soft penalty; and a superb goal engineered by Bobby McGuinness was chalked off by referee Torben Sorenson in controversial circumstances.

In my six years as a soccer scribe, I never have witnessed a match, at any level, in which neither side used a sweeper. But that's exactly what happened here.

Pines coach Danny McGuinness used a 3-3-4 formation while Suburbs lined up in 4-3-3 formation. As a result, neither side had to work hard for one-on-ones up front and spectators were treated to a smorgasbord of thrills inside the attacking thirds of the field.

McGuinness had worked on the Tuesday night before the match, on using just three men at the back and after this contest he defended his tactics.

"Why do defenders expect a free man at the back all the time?" he asked.

"You should have seen the looks on the faces of John Cumming, Peter Thurlow and John Cullen when we worked on this at training. But their reaction only was because they hadn't been brought up in the era when it simply was a matter of being good enough to beat your direct opponent. Us coaches keep telling players that when they get a one-on-one up front, take your opponent on and what happened out there today was the same for both sides. We had four up front and they had four at the back. We had three at the back and they had three up front."

"We've been letting goals in all year with four at the back so what's the difference using just three? If you're good enough you'll beat your man and that's all there is to it."

Anyway, I wanted to have a go at Suburbs today. I'm not down here to pack my defence and even with today's result, I'm still confident that the lads will finish in the top four."

Maybe so, but a significant feature of this match was that in Bobby McGuinness, Suburbs had the sharpest striker on show and especially in the first half that right flank of Suburbs, featuring George Beattie, Keiron Coyle and McGuinness, tore Pines to shreds.

Jed Stenson and Steve Kantonis were suspended so Darren Tuck did the bulk of the work up front while Coyle, Billy Hamill and Robert Paine (who ran things in midfield) were the players to watch. What a fine player Tuck is. He's deceptively quick, very brave and never stops working.

Suburbs struck early. In the 2nd minute McGuinness got clear of Thurlow and set up Coyle who slipped the ball under the advancing David Beattie to make it 1-0.

But after another three minutes John Condlis had to go off injured and on came young George Coatsan.

In the 26th minute Ally Dick, who was playing wide on the left against the constantly overlapping Beattie, broke through the middle and struck a firm shot which went just wide from 20 metres. Five minutes later, Dick touched the ball on for Stan Webster but Nick Apostolidis did well to get down to Webster's shot.

In the 34th minute, Webster beat Apostolidis in the air but before the ball could go in, Andy Esposito hooked it clear.

Then came a bad blunder by Beattie. McGuinness got clear on the right hand side and motored toward the Pines penalty area. He was just inside the area when he let fly with a low shot and although Beattie got down, the ball bounced through his arms and into the far corner to make it 2-0.

Pines almost scored two minutes before the break. A Graham Watson cross from the right was headed on by Ray Thomas and Webster did

well to turn and shoot but Apostolidis saved with his legs.

Three minutes into the second half a sweet inter-passing move involving Hamill, Palmariocciotti and McGuinness sent McGuinness clear on the right. His shot struck Beattie and Cullen cleared a couple of metres off the goal line.

Webster did well to get past two opponents in the 39th minute but his left foot shot sent the ball straight to Apostolidis and a couple of minutes later a Thurlow left footer following a Pines corner, didn't have enough weight on it to worry the teenage Suburbs goalkeeper.

Pines finally hit back in the 58th minute. Thomas did well to create space on the left for a far post cross. The incoming Pines defender misdirected his first time volley but the ball fell for Craig Miller. He hit it superbly, low and hard, Dick got out of the way and the ball nestled in the far corner of the Suburbs goal.

A great pass from Tuck in the 62nd minute saw Miller sliding down but failing to cut it out. In came Coyle to plant the ball into the roof of the net from 10 metres and Suburbs had restored their two-goal cushion.

But two minutes later, referee Sorenson stunned most observers when he awarded a penalty to Pines after Apostolidis had punched clear following a corner from the right. From my vantage point, it seemed that players from both sides were jostling for position but Sorenson clearly saw something I didn't and Thomas converted, sending Apostolidis the wrong way.

In the 85th minute, Tuck scored, following a truly superb run by McGuinness on the left. But Sorenson ruled that when Tuck played the ball forward to score, McGuinness was in an offside position. Sorenson's decision was quite fair but surely McGuinness couldn't possibly have been interfering with play. McGuinness had skinned three opponents on the left as he cut in on the near post, then neatly laid the ball back for Tuck whose first timer beat Rick Janssen, the 60th minute replacement for Beattie who had twisted his knee.

In the 90th minute, Sorenson again was the centre of attention when he awarded a free kick to Pines inside the Suburbs area, presumably against Apostolidis for time wasting. He also booked Apostolidis. However, the anxious looks on the Suburbs bench, soon turned to smiles as Watson's drive from the free kick, taken short by Dick, was blocked and two minutes later, Sorenson whistled for full time.



Frankston Pines defenders John Cumming (left) and Peter Thurlow.

## TWO-GOAL POTE AND DOOM FOR MORELAND

**MORELAND 0 NUNAWADING CITY 2 (Pote 50th, 65th).** Victorian First Division match at Campbell Reserve, Sunday.

MORELAND: Brown, Pace, Maxwell (Robertson 60th), Farrugia, Ellis, McDonald, Wilson, O'Connor, McRobert, Corjan, Simitzis.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjer, Henkel, Nellis, Remmers, Moyle, Chiaravalle, Groenwald, Pappas (Hurlstone 67th), Roggero (Servinis 69th), Pote, Middlemast.

Two second half goals by Pote gave Nunawading a comfortable victory and took away Moreland's last theoretical hope of remaining in Division One.

Moreland began brightly enough and forced a number of corners throughout the game, but lacked penetration up front and apart from a fine reflex save by Madjer from O'Connor just before the break, did not create

too many clearcut chances. Nunawading's best chance in the first half came in the 20th minute when Middlemast got round the defence and cut the ball across the face of goal where Roggero got his head to send it back across the goal line and Pace scrambled the ball clear.

A brilliant run by Moyle in which he beat three defenders ended with a strong shot going just wide.

Nunawading made the vital break in the 50th minute when a quick throw-in released Middlemast on the left and his perfect cross was met by a diving header from Pote and the ball found the corner of the net.

15 minutes later, Pote put the game beyond doubt with his second goal. Roggero broke clear and he laid the ball inside to Middlemast who, although beating his defender, was forced to the bye line from where he screwed the ball back for Pote to drive home from close range.

### Buffalo State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CROYDON	14	5	2	41	12	33
MORWELL FALCONS	13	4	4	38	17	30
BOX HILL	11	6	4	36	26	28
FRANKSTON PINES	9	6	6	42	29	24
Polonia	8	7	6	31	21	23
West Suburbs	9	5	7	29	28	23
Northcote	7	6	8	32	36	20
Fawkner	6	7	8	34	29	19
Springvale	7	5	9	20	23	19
Thomastown	6	7	8	25	33	19
R. Wilhelmina	5	6	10	21	33	16
St Alb. Dinamo	6	3	12	26	43	15
Knox City	4	5	12	11	35	13
Albion Turk G.	4	4	13	15	35	12

**FRANKSTON PINES 2 (Miller 58th, Thomas penalty 64th) WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (K. Coyle 2nd, 62nd, McGuinness 39th)** at Monterey Reserve, Saturday.

FRANKSTON PINES: Beattie 6 (in Janssen 60th), Cumming 5, Thurlow 5, Cullen 5, Waters 5, Ross 8, Miller 6, Hennessy 5, Webster 7, Thomas 5, Dick 6. Coach: Danny McGuinness. WESTERN SUBURBS: Apostolidis 7, Beattie 8, Esposito 7, Dimovski 6, Howe 6, K. Coyle 8, Hamill 8, Palmariocciotti 7, McGuinness 8, Condlis (in Cotsanis 5th, 5, Kountoun 78th), Tuck 8. Coach: Jimmy Condlis.

Best three for Shavano Player of the Year award: 3 McGuinness (WS), 2 Tuck (WS), 1 Coyle (WS).

**ALBION TURK GUCU 2 (Price 26th, 68th) THOMASTOWN 2 (Flaherty 43rd, Lalic 83rd)** at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION TURK GUCU: W. Bryden 8, Reilly 8, Picoane 7, Gilmour 7, Jovicic 7, Douglas 7, Patsman 8, Bennett 7, Latif 6, Price 8, Umis 5 (Robertson 56th), Coach: Tommy Travino.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 7, Di Berardino 7, Cosentino 9, Arcoraci 8, Carora 8, Alizzi (in Dallas 29th), Lalic 8, B. Coyle 8, Temos 7, Beller 7, Flaherty 7, Franceschi 82nd, Coach: Joe Wilson.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Cosentino (T), 2 Price (ATG), 1 Lalic (T).

**FAWKNER 2 (Macloed 12th, Di Cecco 43rd) BOX HILL 2 (A Humble 24th, 89th)** at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 5, Schipano 5, Fattore 5, Angele 4, Hobson 6, Palinkas 6, Boyle 6, Mancinelli 5, Di Cecco 6, Lita 50th, Macloed 5, Covelier 5, Cozzella 70th, Coach: Pepe Carrara.

BOX HILL: Harrison 4, McPhee 5, McMillan 5, Davidson 5, A. Roodhouse 6, Azzopardi 5, Hughes 6, I. Roodhouse 5, Hennessy 4, A. Humble 6, Verechia 5, Coach: Tom Newbigin (caretaker).

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Hughes (BH), 2 Boyle (Fawk), 1 A. Humble (BH).

**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Shannon 6th, Storm 14th) ALBANS DINAMO 0** at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasimis 8, Haupt 7, Korke 8, m. Bakker 9, Wiemys 7 (in Vermees 8th), Korke 7, Kende 7, Shannon 7, Burton 7 (sent off 85th), Nyholt 7, Storm 7, Stewart 7, Coach: Cor Teuw.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grygo 4, Debeljuh HT 7, Kustura 6, Brkljakic 7, Ramljak 7, Pozar 6, Culina 8, Batiniovic 6, Rastocic 5, Kusman 70th, Dezic 7, Morovic 5, Bruno 5, Coach: Tivo Vrzina.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 M. Bakker (RW), 2 Culina (SA), 1 Corke (RW).

**POLONIA 0 MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Dziakowski o.g. 83rd)** at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Dziakowski 6, Liparski 8, Smolarek 8, Innes 8, Little 9, Avian 6, Gregorczuk 6, Pantelis 5, Auid 6, Warszawski 6, Przybylo 6, Coach: Eddie Reid.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby - Bingham 8, Tutill 6, Bruns 7, Train 7, McGorran 6, O'Callaghan 77th, Moore 8, Maclean 7, Cascar 9, Wiemys 6, Atherton 6, Coach: Jimmy Durne.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Little (Pol), 2 Moore (MF), 1 Innes (Pol).

**CROYDON 1 (Brogan 69th) SPRINGVALE CITY 2 (Nelson 20th, Bannan 55th)** at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Whiteside 6, Brown 6, Singleton 6, O'Reilly 6, Tansley 6, Brewerton 6, Beech 6, Livingstone 5 (Taylor 70th), Ollerton 7 (sent off 80th), French 8, Brogan 6, Coach: Peter Ollerton.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry 8, Adams 7, Adams 8, Layton 6, Fitzpatrick 6, Matthews 6, Bannan 7, Luca 6 (Bentley 75th), D. Amico 7, Nelson 8, Garvey 7, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Nelson (Spring), 2 French (Croy), 1 Adams (Spring).

**NORTHCOTE 1 (Toro penalty 20th) KNOX CITY 0** at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7, Kouremenos 6, Cutler 7, Bozakis 7, J. Constantinou 6, Toro 7, Patsiotis 8, Wilson 7, Arlis 6 (Filippis 75th), Patsakos 6, P. Constantinou 6, Coach: Jimmy Pargolios.

KNOX CITY: McDun 8, Loy-Salis 6, Bissinger 8, Tunstall 5, Byrne 5, Pace 5, Underwood 7, Lucio Sais 6, G. Bakker 7, Phillips 6, Turner 7 (Stuck 70th), Coach: Duncan Smith.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Patsiotis (North), 2 McDun (Knox), 1 Bissinger (Knox).

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- 14 - Esposito (Suburbs), Haupt (Wilhelmina), Beech (Croydon), Boyle (Fawkner), Cooke (Pines), Wilson (Northcote), Burton (Wilhelmina), Little (Pannon), Bannan (Springvale), Arcoraci (Thomastown)
  - 13 - Cosentino (Thomastown), Adams (Springvale), 20 - Hughes (Box Hill), Culina (Dinamo), 19 - Bissinger (Knox), 18 - Livingstone (Croydon), 17 - MacLean (Morwell), McGuinness (Suburbs), 16 - Gibson (Polonia)
  - 10 - P. Constantinou (Northcote), 9 - Webster (Pines), Lalic (Thomastown), 8 - Cozzella (Fawkner), Storton (Morwell), Patsakos (Northcote), Morovic (Dinamo), Flaherty (Thomastown), 7 - Nelson (Springvale)

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# Last chance for Falcons and the race is on!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

**Morwell Falcons get their last chance to turn the championship race into a cliff-hanger when they take on Croydon at North Crinigan Reserve on Saturday.**

Three points separate these two sides and if Falcons win, what once was a comfortable lead for Croydon will have been whittled down to just one point with four games to play.

And I'm tipping a Falcons victory now that Steve Moore is back to this best after shuffling off a nagging pelvic complaint. Moore, one of the finest midfielders in State League, and Falcons' 1984 Victorian Rothmans Medal winner, Jimmy MacLean, can call the shots in midfield here, putting Croydon's excellent defence under tremendous pressure.

Big Emil Bruns probably will mark Croydon's leading scorer Graham French with Harry Bingham picking up David Brogan. Croydon is likely to play with just two up front as player-coach Peter Orlerton was sent off against Springvale last weekend and will be serving an automatic one-week suspension. But you never know. Orlerton may push Alex Livingstone up front and bring Alan Kerr back into midfield. Kerr was on the bench for the Springvale match.

Whatever the outcome, this should be one of the highlights of the State League season but should Croydon then it will herald an end to the championship race and Croydon will have carved another niche in its history. A win for Falcons is a must if they're to entertain serious thoughts about winning successive titles.

Box Hill can defeat Polonia at Wembley Park on Sunday and consolidate its top four status. Box Hill striker Peter Verechcia returned from holiday and played against Falkner last weekend. There's little doubt that his partnership with Andy Humble is one of the Hillmen's strengths.

Both players are very mobile, brave and tireless workers. They can play too, of course, and if Andy Hughes and Ian Woodhouse get on top in midfield then Verechcia and Humble will get enough of the ball to make Rick Liparski, Kevin Innes, Mirek Smolarek and John Little work overtime.

Springvale City continues its amazing run and looks set to beat Northcote at Ross Reserve on Saturday. Since taking over as coach, Bobby McLachlan has led his men to seven games without defeat — five wins and two draws. When McLachlan took over, Springvale was in bottom spot on the ladder, two points adrift of the pack. It now lies 9th, seven points clear of last placed Albion. Turk Gucu, incidentally, if you compiled a State League ladder solely based on the past seven rounds, the Vales would be on top!

Some punters told me last weekend that Albion and Knox are certain to go down. I'm not so sure, and if Albion beats Falkner at Selwyn Park on Saturday, it will make for a riveting finish to the season.

I think Albion can do it. Believe you me, the way Albion's playing right now makes a lie of its current position. We'll see if I'm right on Saturday. Knox stopper Michael Bissinger will be out suspended when his side meets Frankston Pines at Egan Lee Reserve on Saturday. That's a body blow to Knox's chances as Bissinger probably would have been entrusted with the job of trying to keep Stan Webster in check. I'm tipping a Pines win. Not with a great deal of confidence, though.

Western Suburbs could have both Jed Stenson and Steve Kakantonis back in the line-up for Sunday's clash with Ringwood. Wilhelmnia at Ralph Reserve. Stenson missed last week's win against Pines through sus-

pension, as did Kakantonis, but Kakantonis has to front the tribunal this week and may not be available for the Wilhelmnia game.

No doubt Stenson will come back into the side alongside Bobby McGuinness and Darren Luck up front. Luck and McGuinness combined superbly against Pines and pose as a tremendous threat to Wilhelmnia, which will have stopper Fred Murray back after suspension but will lose the midfield drive of Barry Burton, sent off against St Albans Dinamo last weekend.

Thomastown takes on Dinamo at Partridge Reserve on Sunday. Dinamo striker Darko Kuna missed last weekend's game due to a viral complaint but should be fit to face Thomastown. Dinamo probably will line-up with two up front and that duo looks likely to be Kuna and Dennis Morovic.

Andy Smale played in the Thomastown reserves last weekend and is pushing to regain his first team berth but talented midfielder Nino Di Marino was sent off in the reserves match and will be unavailable.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals.

**SATURDAY**  
**ALBION ROVERS v Falkner at Selwyn Park, 3pm.**  
**MORWELL FALCONS v Croydon at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.**  
**SPRINGVALE CITY v Northcote at Ross Reserve, 3pm.**

**KNOX CITY v FRANKSTON Pines at Egan Lee Reserve, 3pm.**

**SUNDAY**  
**BOX HILL v Polonia at Wembley Park, 3pm.**  
**WESTERN SUBURBS v Ringwood at Wilhelmnia at Ralph Reserve, 3pm.**  
**Thomastown v St Albans Dinamo (draw) at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.**

Polonia, threatened with relegation only a few weeks ago, has transformed the fortunes of the leading clubs in the Skypack State League as well as its own with a stunning 2-0 victory over Fairy Meadow at Corral.

This was Meadow's first home defeat of the season and a loss which has given the three clubs in pursuit of the leader an incentive for further effort in the last three rounds.

Polonia managed only one point in its first nine matches, two wins in the first 15, yet has won its last four matches convincingly. Avala, Bankstown, Uruguay and Fairy Meadow were beaten with fine attacking soccer and Polonia must thank its lucky stars for the arrival of Micky Bratkovic.

He is the league's most feared striker at present with seven goals in 11 appearances with four goals in the last three outings.

Sutherland rocked Illinden's slim chances of a top four spot with a narrow win at Seymour last Saturday while Canterbury sunk Bankstown at Jensen Park to come within one point of Fairy Meadow. Melita Eagles, the side favoured to take the title at the start of the season, had all but given up hope two weeks ago when beaten by Meadow at Corral. Suddenly, Melita is only two points away and with its superb goal difference could snatch the title right on the line.

At the bottom of the table, Bankstown only has the slimmest of chances to catch Uruguay. It has to play Uruguay both home and away but it is going to be an uphill battle to make up the three-point deficit.

**Manly 0**  
**Narrabeen 0**

**Narrabeen Sports Centre**  
Manly always was the better side but with very little purpose up front.

Narrabeen worked hard to protect its net and came away with the point which surely assures the side of another season in State League but also makes Narrabeen and Manly even in their battle for the championship of North Sydney.

John Dick and Bobby Pagano worked hard to get their team into an attacking position with Pagano almost getting the winner with a blazing shot close to full time but Peter Dean saved superbly. Alan Dean was in great form for Narrabeen as were David Watt and Peter Dean.

**Bankstown 1**  
**Canterbury 2**

**At Jensen Park**  
Scorers: 5th Hormazabal, 42nd Borges, 68th Silva, 80th C. Antonopoulos.

Ricky Hormazabal put Canterbury into an early lead and from that moment on it was never a question of who was going to win but by how many. Hormazabal was on hand to pick up a rebound then put in a superb 35 metre chip which sailed over the head of the unfortunate Don Smith.

Someone will have to tell Smith that while play is outside the penalty area goals are supposed to stay close to the line. This is the second time in as many weeks that he has conceded a goal after being lobbed from well out.

However, there was no doubt Smith could do when Nello Borges broke through in the 42nd. The Brazilian wizard beat two players then sliced his shot wide of Smith to make it 2-0.

Marcos Silva headed Canterbury into a 3-0 lead with some minute 20 minutes remaining, following a cross by John Anagnostopoulos and one cut in by Nello Borges. But Bankstown fought back and reduced the margin through Con Antonopoulos with some 10 minutes remaining.

Pena, Hormazabal and Borges played very well indeed in difficult conditions at Jensen, while Bankstown hardly got a look-in for almost the entire match.

**Ku-Ring-Gai 1**  
**Melita 2**

**At Parklands**  
Scorers: Kevorn 40th, 45th Allan, 72nd Walker.

Melita completed a treble for the season over Kuringgai with a hard fought 2-1 win at Parklands. The pre-season competition saw Kuringgai trounce at Melita Stadium, then came the 3-1 win also at Melita and now 2-1 at Parklands.

The only man well satisfied with his efforts would have to have been David Kevorn of Kuringgai who has scored against Melita at Melita as well as Bankstown and these

two goals are the only ones he scored all year!

Kevorn opened the scoring in the 40th minute after a cross by Chris Quigley was nodded down by Craig Bass. Kevorn raced in to head into the roof of the net.

With seconds to go in this half, Ray Faragie took a corner kick. Melita tapped the ball towards goal and with two Kuringgai defenders on the line Don Allan raced in to nudge the ball home.

But Walker missed two early second half chances for Melita then Quigley wasted one for the home side before Greg McCoy started the move which produced the winning goal.

Melita's improved performances in this match certainly is well timed for in the last three rounds the side must win all of its matches if it's to win the title.

**Fairy Meadow 0**  
**Polonia 2**

**At Memorial Park**  
Scorers: Bratkovic 38th, 60th.

Polonia continued its successful run with a fine 2-0 win over Fairy Meadow at Corral. Micky Bratkovic the youngster who came in from the cold after being dumped by Avala, proved once again a match winner for Polonia.

His first goal was a sizzler. His 35 metre left footer flew past Warwick Young then dipped at the last moment to hit the crossbar and go into the net. It was well worth seeing and the youngster was delighted.

Some minutes into the second half, Bratkovic sealed the game with his second goal and sealed the season's Jurek Drys and Henjek Sobczyk were the other stars of a Polonia side which overwhelmed the league leader.

Drys was a commanding figure in the midfield while Sobczyk directed traffic, playing a very deep midfield role. With Janic, Pop and Bratkovic running from all angles at Young, the home side was stretched far and wide.

And while Polonia celebrates, Fairy Meadow will lick its wounds. I suggested in last week's preview that Polonia was going down south looking for help points.

It is expected that Micky White and Naurizio Montecchi will get a run following some changes in the Fairy Meadow line-up for this weekend's games.

**Rockdale 0**  
**Sutherland 1**

**At Seymour Show**  
Scorers: Hall 20th.

Rockdale linden bowed out of the race for the top four after losing for the second time this year to an enthusiastic Sutherland side.

Craig Hall scored the only goal of the game, but Sutherland missed some glaring opportunities. It was at the time of Rockdale's commitment to attack that Sutherland could have made its opponent pay dearly.

However, Sutherland's scorer failed to take the openings and increase his personal tally for the year. Hall was very busy as was Sutherland's other front runner, Brian Gray, while Illinden's forwards, in particular Ross Brown, failed to show aggression and finishing.

Billy Pilevski was the star of Illinden with a great display of skilful football, particularly during the second period when Rockdale came out looking for both points. Apart from Kenny Slavski on the left flank of Rockdale's midfield and Nicky Kotzchambos in goal, few others deserve mention.

For Sutherland, Vic Dalforno was a tower of strength, while Jimmy Webber was tireless in midfield. Solid defence proved a major asset for Sutherland and its enthusiasm could not yet another shot at the Grand Final at the end of the season.

**Uruguay 3**  
**Avala 0**

**At Monna Park**  
Scorers: Langan 1st, Banales 51st, Hastie Pen 54th.

From the moment Langan put Uruguay ahead in the first minute, Uruguay was going to win. The side needed penalties to get out of the relegation zone and played with determination rare for

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Uruguay missed some easy openings to increase its lead in the closing stages while Avala seldom looked like a committed outfit with its attack nonexistent and its defence lacking in organisation and purpose.

Soon after the start of the second half, Uruguay clinched the game with two quick goals despite missing a penalty in the 32nd minute. The hero of this period was Daniel Banalas.

He pounced on a ball clear away by Dobson to drive his 10 metre shot wide of Vukas in the 51st then produced a pass which led to Langan being brought down in the 52nd to give Uruguay its first chance to go three up. However Vukas saved brilliantly from Hastie. Only two minutes later,

Banales beat Dobson but was brought down from behind for a very narrow penalty. Hastie hesitated before deciding to take this one. This time Vukas went the same way as before but the ball thundered into the spot where the goalkeeper stood initially.

Uruguay was content to play time out and showed only scant interest in pushing men forward.

Julio Estavillo was in sparkling form, showing the class which saw him play for Penarol and Nacional while Banales was not far behind.

For Avala, only Wayne Coates, who came on for Andy Tracey in the 56th, showed any inclination to threaten Uruguay.

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SUTHERLAND	10	6	3	32	26
Ku-Ring-Gai	7	6	5	23	20
Avala	7	6	6	22	20
Illinden	6	6	6	23	18
Manly	4	8	7	15	16
Polonia	6	2	11	28	44
Narrabeen	2	8	9	14	35
Uruguay	2	6	10	12	27
Bankstown	2	3	13	12	40

TOP SCORERS	
11 - Allan (ME)	10 - Brown (RI)
8 - Borges (CM), Walker (ME)	8 - Pop (PI)
7 - Bratkovic, Janic (PI), Kirwan, Dounis (CM)	6 - Carney (AI), Anagnostopoulos (CM), Vial (ME), Gray (S)
5 - Silva (CM), Fontana (FK), Sutherland (FK), Dalforno, Beggs (S), Hastie (U)	

**THIS WEEK'S GAMES**  
**SATURDAY:** At Monna Park: Uruguay v Bankstown; At Hurstville Oval: Illinden v Ku-Ring-Gai.

**SUNDAY:** At Knights Park: Avala v Fairy Meadow; At Chopin Park: Polonia v Manly; At Narrabeen: Narrabeen v Ku-Ring-Gai; At Melita: Melita v Rockdale; At Seymour Show: Sutherland v Canterbury.

**MANLY WARRIHANG 0 NARRABEEN 0 at Cromer Park.**

**MANLY** Barker 7 — Dennis 8, Dick 8, Gogic 5, Luegans 80th; J. Barker 6 — Pagano 8, Etherington 7, Jabrael 7 — Holloway (15th Baumgartner 6), Pearce 6, Williamson 7.

**NARRABEEN:** P Dean 6 — Hanley 6, Parfitt 6, Watt 8, Jones 6 — Collings 4, A Dean 8, Griffin 6, Nacinovic 5 — Sandtner 6, Van Helden 6.

**BANKSTOWN 1 (C. Antonopoulos 80th)**  
**CANTERBURY 3 (Hormazabal 5th, Borges 42nd, Silva 68th) at Jensen Park.**  
BANKSTOWN (unavailable)  
CANTERBURY: Hummell 7 — Karasipos 6, Pena 8, Radman 7, Hantzis 7 — Ortega 7, Hormazabal 8, Anagnostopoulos 8, Borges 8 — Silva 6, Kirwan 5.

**KU-RING-GAI 1 (Kevorn 40th) MELITA 2 (Allan 45th, Walker 72nd) at Parklands.**  
KU-RING-GAI: Lacey 7 — Kevorn 7, Bertram 7, Watson 6, Goldsworthy 6 — Bennett 5, Williamson 75th, Hunter 80th, Quigley 7, Sutherland 6, Bratkovic 6 — Nino 5, Brown 5.

**MELITA:** Mullen 8 — Laing 7, McCoy 7, Stead 7, McCausland 8 — Vial 8, Farrugia 7, Griffiths 7, (27th Davies 8), Callinan 7 — Allan 6, Walker 7 (87th Dolton).

**FAIRY MEADOW 0 POLONIA 2 (Bratkovic 38th, 60th) at Corral.**  
FAIRY MEADOW: Young 6 — Chilly 6, Bradley 70th, Berringer 7, Jones 7, Morlando 6, Piel 7, Mowbray 6, Richardson 6, Gerladi 6 — Baker 5, Fontana 2.

**POLONIA:** Anderson 8 — Chou 7, Collusso 7, Lasek 7, Geeke 7 — Drys 8, Sobczyk 8, Mahamah 7 — Janic 7, Pop 8, Bratkovic 9.

**ROCKDALE 0 SUTHERLAND 1 (Hall 20th) at Seymour Show.**  
ROCKDALE: Illinden Kotzchambos 8 — Blackburn 6, Pilevski 8, Forester 6, J Wilson 6, Nastoski 6, Mickovski 6, Palaganos 5, D Wilson 5, Slavski 8 — Brown 5.

**SUTHERLAND:** Burroughs 7 — Schumann 7, Dalforno 8, Burrows 7, Terry 7 — Harrington (15th Rogers 8), Groomer 6, Webber 8, Beggs 7 — Gray 7, Hall 7.

**URUGUAY 3 (Langen 1st, Banales 51st, Hastie 54th) Peni AVALA 0 at Monna Park.**  
URUGUAY: Langan 1st, Banales 51st, Hastie 54th, Planic 7, Fritz 6 — Botero 6, Estavillo 9, Fernandez 7 — Artero 7, Banales 8, Langan 7.

**AVALA:** Vukas 7 — Pratt 6, Dobson 5, Lembyk 5, Divani 6 — Anderson 5, Alagic 5, Tracey 5 (Coates 56th), Murray 5 — Jeffery 5 (Jordan 56th 8), Carney 7.

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## Dzielakowski blows it

**Polonia 0**  
**Morwell F. 1**

**Scorer:** Dzielakowski o.g. 83rd.  
**Venue:** Raleigh Reserve.

An own goal in the 83rd minute by Polonia goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski enabled Morwell Falcons to close within three points of State League leader Croydon, beaten 2-1 by Springvale.

In a game which never reached great heights, Dzielakowski's blunder was costly. Even though fortune smiled on visitor Morwell, the Latrobe Valley outfit deserved this win. And Polonia now has gone six games on the trot without scoring.

Polonia welcomed back Janusz Przybyla here. Przybyla, last year's top scorer in State League, only looked half fit but even limping the Polonia ace looks dangerous in front of goal. However, a feature of this game was the difference in the quality of balls played to the respective front runners and on this score Falcons were well on top. Midfielder Steve Moore played some superb balls into the Polonia area and the service received by Ian Sturton and Russell Athersych was a lot better than that received by Przybyla and attacking cohort Grig Warzawski. Polonia midfielder Dave Gibson, who was injured, certainly was missed.

The best move of the first half belonged to Falcons. It

By MICK MITTEN



Classy Polonia left back John Little.

came in the 12th minute after a one-two between Athersych and Effie Cassar sent Cassar down the left. He skipped past Rick Liparski then crossed to the far post. The incoming Moore, just failed to get his head to the ball. Mick McGorian got onto the end of it though and turned it back for Jim McLean, whose chip to the far post found Athersych missing his header by inches with the goal at his mercy.

In the 36th minute, a long diagonal ball by Jim Train found McGorian in with a great chance but McGorian missed the ball completely with his attempted header and Polonia cleared.

Polonia went close to finally breaking its goal drought in the 65th minute. John Little got to the backline on the left and drove the ball over low, toward the near post. Who tried to tap it in but his attempt was deflected out for a corner.

Seven minutes later, a nice chip from Gregorczyk found Przybyla four metres out but Peter Blasby did well to save Przybyla's diving header.

Seconds later, Morwell almost scored. A long ball found Sturton running through into a one-on-one with Dzielakowski but Sturton sidefooted the ball over.

It was McGorian's turn to miss a good chance in the 74th minute. He got clear of Little, motored past Mirek Smolarek and from an acute angle his shot struck Dzielakowski.

In the 80th minute, good work by substitute John O'Callaghan and Sturton sent Cassar whose stinging shot from outside the area whistled just past the far post.

The deadlock was broken when Dzielakowski misjudged a MacLean corner from the left. The Polonia keeper allowed the ball to slip out of his hands and it struck Emil Bruns who inadvertently deflected it into goal for what was to be the winner. Clearly, the goal should be given as an own goal by Dzielakowski, despite the attempts of the Morwell camp after the match to give the goal to Athersych.

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Back row: Richard Bassingthwaite, Paul Burris, Alan Hunter, Wayne Evans, Alan Niven, Rod Vasquez, Calvin Daunt. Front row: Danny Wright, John Ogden, John Stewart, Steve Jackson, Russell Stewart, Clark Anderson — Picture: LES SHORROCK.

● Brisbane Lions achieved a first in Australian soccer earlier this year with the announcement that they had secured a lucrative sponsorship deal with Carlton and United Breweries.

The deal was for the second half of this current season but Carlton and United Breweries have an option to renew the sponsorship for another two years and negotiations between C.U.B. and Lions will take place in October.

Brisbane Lions, of course, were one of 14 founder members of the National League back in 1977. The club entered the league boasting one of the finest records in the history of soccer in Queensland. Lions were premiers of Queensland's most prestigious competition in 1973, 1974 and 1975. They were Grand Final winners in 1970, 1971 and 1974 and Ampol Cup winners in 1968, 1973 and 1974.

Formed as Hollandia in 1957, to represent the Dutch community in Brisbane, the club changed its name to Brisbane Lions in 1975 in compliance with the Queensland federation's policy on ethnic club names.

Lions have been one of the leaders in bringing quality guest players to Aus-

tralian shores. In recent years they have brought out established English professionals Bob Latchford and Alan Sunderland and currently are negotiating to sign Latchford from English First Division club Coventry City. The success of their negotiations could hinge on the outcome of sponsorship talks with C.U.B. for Lions hope to have Latchford employed by C.U.B. as a promotions officer.

Current boss Gordon Arrowsmith is the club's 9th coach since 1977. Others have been Les Scheffing (1977), J. Vince (1978), Bryan Daykin (1978), Eddie Spearritt (1979), Matt Carson (1979-81), Joe Gilroy (1981-82), Simon Kristemaker (1983) and Harry Noon (1984). Arrowsmith replaced Noon last year.

The club's major NSL success was its National Cup (then called the Phillips Cup) triumph in 1981 when it defeated West Adelaide 3-1 in the final at the National Sports Centre in Canberra.



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# Altona hits back at 'Rambo'

Altona City (Vic) has reacted angrily to views expressed by Melbourne Hungaria player Costa Theodosopoulos in an article headed "Rambo blasts Altona City," on July 31.

Club president John Collins said:

"The friendly game at Melbourne prior to the 1984 season was refereed by an unofficial referee and a lot was left to be desired. As for Altona City trying to kick Melbourne off the park, this is completely untrue."

"I was at that game and if the unofficial referee had taken control of the game, there would not have been any spite in it from either side."

"Both teams were called off the park by their respective coaches. It was not just Melbourne walking off."

Collins said a person who was supposed to have threatened Theodosopoulos with a glass, was knocked out, came out of the dressing room and did not have a glass. This person, Collins says, was also kicked and had to go to hospital.

"My club has always played the game hard but fair. Soccer is not a game, as you know, to stand back and let the other team dictate terms," Collins said.

"We have produced some great players at Altona, as I know

Melbourne has also. In no way am I casting anything towards the Melbourne Soccer Club because Altona has always had good relations with them."

Former Altona City player and coach Ian Hynds said about Theodosopoulos's statements: "I'm sure all players have players or clubs they constantly dislike but you do not have to have bouts of verbal diarrhoea to make your point. Make the ball do the talking!"

Hynds added: "Throughout the years I have been associated with Altona, there have been very few incidents of the type mentioned and any club visiting Altona to play us knew at the finish they had 'been in a match.' We might not have had, as the young gent implies, the most skilful of players, but then who has? Even now, there are not too many skilful players around... By this attitude the Altona City Soccer Club has gained a lot of friends in the game over the years."

"In fact, surprisingly enough, we have produced a number of skilful players in the past (Melbourne probably more so) and we are still a proud club, no matter which division we would be playing in."

"Soccer Action" points out to all those who have objected to Costa Theodosopoulos's views that they are his views and his alone and assured those that may believe otherwise that "Soccer Action" holds the Altona City Soccer Club in high regard.

## Liverpool, Juventus lose appeals

Liverpool has lost an appeal against sanctions and faces a period of definite exile from European club competitions.

The Board of Appeal of the European Football Union (UEFA) last week threw out a request for leniency from both Liverpool and the Italian club Juventus, whose match

for the European Cup in Brussels on May 29 led to riots in which 38 people died and hundreds were injured.

At an appeal hearing in Zurich, the English club

attacked UEFA's decision as unjust and inappropriate but failed to sway the panel to relax the sanctions. The appeal board ruling is final.

Tony Ensor, a director of Liverpool, called it "a blessing in the history of Liverpool football."

Liverpool bears the heaviest punishment ever meted out in European football. Like all other English clubs, Liverpool faces an indefinite ban from all matches organised by UEFA.

But once English clubs as a whole are readmitted, Liverpool must forego playing other European sides for the next three seasons in which it qualifies.

Juventus too lost a bid to have the board reverse an order requiring it to play its next two home games in UEFA competition behind closed doors.

In the May 29 European Cup final, English fans stormed the stadium, and Juventus supporters of Juventus, the powerful side from Turin, were waiting for the start of the game. In the ensuing turmoil, a wall supporting the stands collapsed, leaving 38 dead, mainly Italians.

UEFA's appeal board rejected Liverpool's argument that the Belgian authorities and UEFA itself should have done more to prevent the tragedy.

— PETER WINDSOR



3EA soccer commentator Jose Montez

## 'Grandstand' to be axed?

We understand that SBS is considering scrapping its radio coverage of English soccer.

Melbourne station 3EA covered the 1984/85 season by airing the excellent BBC program, "Grandstand", which started late on Saturday nights (Australian time).

The program was well received among Melbourne's soccer followers so

it will come as a blow to many thousands of them to learn that SBS may axe it.

If you were one of many listeners who enjoyed 3EA's coverage and you wish to let SBS know that the program enjoyed a wide audience you can air your views by writing to: Mr. Corbett Shaw, National News Director, Special Broadcasting Service, 5 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, NSW.

## Letters to the Editor . . .

SIR—With reference to the recent discussions about how to improve the standard of soccer, I would like to pass on an observation about a recent junior game.

As an interested parent at an under 10 game in the Croydon area recently, I was fortunate to overhear the visiting team's coach's instructions before and during the game.

One player was instructed, in the strictest terms, to follow his opponent everywhere.

"Wherever he goes you go. If he takes a throw in stand next to him!"

He was told to push and shove his opponent off the ball if necessary. During the game he was told that he would be taken off if his opponent got away from him once more!

The same coach ran onto the field to abuse the referee about a decision he did not agree with.

With coaches (?) like this

there isn't much future for junior soccer—THIS WAS AN UNDER 10 GAME, REMEMBER!

I hope you publish this letter on behalf of all the concerned parents who like their children to play, and enjoy their soccer.

— K BRIDGE  
Boronia, Victoria

SIR—Unfortunately this letter once again is raising the question of the capabilities of referees we have officiating at junior games here in Melbourne.

The latest question against these so called "referees" is one that arose recently at Box Hill where two games were scheduled to kick off at 11.30pm, both games involving Super League teams in the 15 and 16 age bracket. The referees, however, in their great wisdom, decided to call both games off and on being asked why, said—"There is mud in the corner!"

On being asked if it affected

both grounds there was no reply. I then remarked that the decision was pathetic and the reply was—"So it's pathetic!"

The visiting teams were Thomastown U/15 and Sunshine U/16, a long way to travel to be told no game!

The weather was fine and on looking at the park found that indeed there was mud in one corner totaling about 1% of the entire playing surface! It must also be mentioned that the U/11 teams already had played on these grounds two hours earlier!

These 15 and 16 year olds, and I must stress this very strongly, are in Super League teams and a high percentage of them have no doubt represented their senior teams, at some level, and are also state representatives. These facts in themselves make these two referees' decisions appalling and should be questioned.

I write this as a disgusted spectator, well, almost a spectator.

JOHN J. IRELAND,  
Blackburn Nth, Victoria

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## Certezze internazionali e incertezze nazionali

La parentesi internazionale della stagione calcistica australiana si è chiusa domenica scorsa con un vero trionfo della nazionale verdeoro che a Melbourne ha battuto la Stella Rossa di Belgrado con un netto 4-0 aggiudicandosi così il torneo con il punteggio aggregato di 9-7 (due vittorie ciascuna).

Nei precedenti tornei internazionali casalinghi i Socceroos avevano ottenuto ottimi risultati soprattutto riuscendo a "non far giocare" gli avversari con marcature strettissime e spietate e disperate punte in avanti a lanciarsi in resta.

Assoluta la capacità di non farsi travolgere, Frank Arkov, conscio che gli incontri di qualificazione dei mondiali sarebbero stati ben altra cosa dalle "amichevoli" con squadre di club o meno in vacanza, ha colaudato una nuova mentalità di gioco: quella di spingere su tutti i pistoni per far risultato.

Due vittorie per 4-1 e 4-0 (e due sconfitte per 0-2 e 1-4) hanno dimostrato che i Socceroos sanno anche essere protagonisti, dettare le condizioni di gioco ed imporre la loro iniziativa.

Infornuti a vari giocatori, e impegni di coppa in concomitanza con l'ultima partita di Melbourne per altri, hanno anche dato ad Arkov l'opportunità di provare dei rincalzi che si sono dimostrati validissimi: Ian Gray, Jim Patikas e Graham Arnold. Egli ha inserito con successo Mitchell e ha concluso l'incastro di Odzakovic a centrocampo dopo averlo sacrificato a terzi.

L'incontro di Adelaide (perso per 1-4) ha anche dimostrato che l'apparato difensivo formato da Yancos, O'Connor, Ratcliffe e Jennings è praticamente insostituibile. Nonostante le ottime pre-

si sono avvicinando nelle ultime partite, Arkov è però più che mai convinto di affrontare l'avventura mondiale con la formazione tipo di Greeley, Yancos, O'Connor, Ratcliffe, Jennings, Davidson (che tornerà dall'Inghilterra), Odzakovic, Crino, Murphy, Soper e Kosmina (che non ha giocato nessuna delle quattro partite a causa di infortuni).

A questi undici si accoderanno certamente l'altro portiere Oliver, il difensore Gray, Watson, Arnold, Patikas, Mitchell, il centrocampista della Juventus di Melbourne, Petersen, non sembra sia riuscito a convincere Arkov che lo ha impiegato soltanto come sostituto ad Adelaide e lo ha lasciato in panchina a Melbourne mandando invece in campo McCulloch al posto di Watson che, a causa della sua età avanzata, è l'unico centrocampista che potrebbe segnare il passo a favore di un giocatore più giovane. Il torneo eliminatorio alla Coppa del Mondo inizia il prossimo mese con un'Australia in ottima salute con un undici provato e definito, una rosa che offre alternative e garanzie, un moraglio alle stelle ed un allenatore che è riuscito a convincere tutti delle sue capacità.

Non si può fare a meno di convincersi che la nazionale attuale abbia tutti i numeri per disfarsi abbastanza agevolmente delle avversarie della Zona Oceania (Israele incluso) e che affronterà nello spareggio la seconda classificata del settimo gruppo della Zona Europea con buone probabilità di affermazione.

Doccia fredda invece per i pulcini della U/16 nazionale che dopo essersi qualificati agevolmente per i quarti di finale della Coppa del Mondo in Cina, sono stati eliminati dalla Guinea ai rigori dopo aver finito i tempi regolamen-

ti. Anche se la sconfitta ha lasciato l'amaro in bocca, non bisogna dimenticare che i ragazzi si sono classificati fra le otto nazionali più forti del mondo battendo squadre come Argentina e Germania Occidentale. Un risultato indubbiamente eccezionale per il quale tecnici e giocatori meritano un caloroso applauso. Il 24 di questo mese entrerà sulla scena mondiale anche la squadra giovanile australiana che sarà impegnata nel "mondiale" di Russia nel girone C contro Russia, Canada e Nigeria.

### CALCIO LOCALE

Dopo le due settimane di sosta per il torneo internazionale, ritorna il campionato nazionale per la formalità dell'ultima partita di ritorno prima delle finali di girone e della finalissima nazionale.

L'ultima giornata dovrà decidere a chi andrà la quinta poltrona in entrambi i gironi. In quello settentrionale, il Canberra (22 punti) affronterà il Sydney City e rischia di farsi superare dal St. George (21 punti) e migliore differenza reti che invece avrà un compito relativamente più facile contro l'Inter Monaro e potrebbe strappare il pareggio che dovrebbe essere sufficiente a dargli il quinto posto in caso di probabile sconfitta del Canberra.

Nel girone meridionale il Preston Makedonia (23 punti e +2 di differenza reti) affronterà il Green Gully e dovrà ottenere almeno un pareggio per assicurarsi il quinto posto davanti al Sunshine George Cross (21 punti e parità di reti) che non dovrebbe avere molte difficoltà a guadagnarsi i due punti e a migliorare la sua differenza reti contro il rassegnato JUST.

Le altre finaliste saranno Hellas, Juventus, Heidelberg e

nale e Sydney City, Sydney Croatia, Marconi e Sydney Olympic per il girone settentrionale.

Il torneo finale inizierà mercoledì prossimo a Melbourne e a Sydney con due partite (seconda contro terza e quarta contro quinta).

Per quello che riguarda il formato della competizione nazionale il prossimo anno, tutto è nuovamente in aria e qualsiasi soluzione è possibile continuare con il presente formato a due gironi, tornare ad un girone unico a 16 squadre, abolizione dei gironi nazionali e ritorno alle Leghe Statali con finale nazionale!

Una cosa sola è certa: l'incertezza più assoluta.

Questo stato di cose per quanto riguarda il campionato nazionale ha ridotto le competizioni statali a poco più di farse. Le squadre delle State Leagues giocano senza sapere se la vittoria di campionato significherebbe la promozione, né tantomeno se la salvezza dalla retrocessione significherebbe che il prossimo anno militeranno nuovamente nella massima divisione statale poiché il non impossibile rientro di otto squadre dalla Lega Nazionale significherebbe la "retrocessione" per più di metà delle attuali squadre di Lega Statale; stessa situazione nelle divisioni inferiori che saranno invase dalle squadre sloggiate dal "piano superiore".

Se c'è ancora qualcuno che va cercando la risposta più ovvia alla mancanza di affermazione definitiva del calcio locale, gli suggeriamo di guardare sotto le voci "incertezza più cupa, casino più assoluto, presa in giro più





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by  
Manos  
Milios

ΓΙΑ ΟΣΟΥΣ ΔΕΝ ΨΑΧΙΖΟΥΝ

Αρκετός "υπότρος" γίνεται τελευταία σχε-  
τικά με την λέξη "πρωταθλήτρια" κι' α-  
πό το γιατί τελειώνει το πρωτάθλημα τόσο  
το Νοτίου Όμιλου της Αυστραλίας, όσο  
και το Βορείου.

Έχουν μπερδεύσει λοιπόν μερικοί και  
όσοιδήποτε δεν ή ή ομάδα που θα τελειώ-  
σει 1η είναι και η πρωταθλήτρια.

Αυτό φυσικά θα ήταν το σωστό αλλά στη  
περίπτωση αυτή τον τίτλο της πρωταθλή-  
τριας θα τον κερδίσει - όπως και πέτυχε -  
η ομάδα που θα νικήσει στους τελικούς  
των πέντε.

Αυτή θα είναι η πρωταθλήτρια Νοτίου Ο-  
μίλου που θα έχει κερδίσει άξια τον τί-  
τλο και θα παίζει με την πρωταθλήτρια  
του Βορείου Όμιλου για τον τίτλο της  
πρωταθλήτριας Αυστραλίας.

Οι πανηγυρισμοί λοιπόν της πρωταθλή-  
τριας κάθε ομάδα θα γίνουν όταν παιχθούν  
οι τελικοί των "πέντε".

## ΟΙ ΠΑΡΑΓΩΓΤΕΣ

Πώς θαυμάζουμε. Πολλοί παράγοντες... μι-  
λάμε πολύ. Κι' είναι έξι, μιλώντας, που  
λόγους... παράγουν και κοιτάζουν.

Σωστός παράγοντας στο χώρο του ποδοσφαί-  
ρου, είτε στον χώρο ενός δημοφιλούς αθ-  
λημάτη, είναι εκείνος που δουλεύει πολύ  
και μιλάει λίγο ή καθόλου.

Ετούς παράγοντες της παροικίας μας, έ-  
κτος φυσικά από τους σωστούς, εργατικούς  
και γνήσιους, υπάρχουν κι' εκείνοι που κά-  
νουν περισσότερο θόρυβο... λόγω πα-  
ρά έργων.



Το Σόουβ Όκλυ το οποίο βρίσκεται σε καλή πορεία στο πρωτάθλημα της Β' κατηγορίας του Βικτώριαν Λιγκ.

Είναι αυτοί που θέλουν με διοικητική  
τρόπο το λιβάνισμα από τον Έμπο και την  
αυτοπροβολή χωρίς όμως εικά να δείχνουν  
τά έργα τους.

## ΠΟΙΟΣ ΝΑ ΕΞΕΤΑΣΕΙ ΠΕΡΙΤΕΡΑ...

Πρόκειται για τρομερό άνθρωπο αλλά και  
πρόεδρο. Είναι το "κάλι έλλο" στον ποδο-  
σφαιρικό κόσμο του Σίδνεϊ.

Είναι ο ήγης της ομάδας με τόσες αντιζη-  
λίες που συνάντησε φέτος δεν το έβαλε κά-  
τω και σήκωσε το κεφάλι ψηλά... είναι ο  
μοναδικός ΤΖΙΜ ΠΕΤΡΙΝΑΙΣ που από την Κυ-  
ριακή πήρε στη λέξη του το Κύπελλο Αυσ-  
τραλίας του 1985.

Επ' ουδενί όμως πάγησε ο καλός καπετ-  
νός του Σίδνεϊ Όλμπικ. Σπεύρασε τους  
συνεχείς τραυματισμούς των παικτών του,  
τίς απάθειες, τίς τιμωρίες, τά χρηματικά

πρόστιμα, το κρυφό μίσος μερικών που έ-  
κλει Τόπου και τόσα άλλα και κατάφερε να εί-  
ναι όχι μόνο στους τελικούς του Βορείου  
Όμιλου αλλά και να κατακτήσει η ομάδα  
του το βαρύντο έπαθλο, το Κύπελλο Αυσ-  
τραλίας. Συγχαρητήρια Πετινέλη.

## ΣΥΓΧΑΡΗΤΗΡΙΟ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ

Ο πρόεδρος πετυχημένος πρόεδρος της Ελλάδας  
Μελβόρνης Λεωνίδας Άνεξάνης δεν έχασε  
την Κυριακή το βράδυ να στείλει συγ-  
χαρητήριο τηλεγράφημα στον πρόεδρο του  
Όλμπικ για την κατάκτηση του Κυπέλλου  
Αυστραλίας και την νίκη του στον τελικό  
με 2-1 επί της Πρόστον.

## ΔΕΝ ΕΠΙΣΤΕΙ Η ΚΑΡΡΙΝΤΑ

Η Κάρριντα τελικά δεν άγνοησε στον  
έκτος έδρας αγώνα της με το Σέντραλ.  
Ο λόγος ήταν πως οι φανέλλες της Ελλη-  
νικής ομάδας που έχει για τὰ μέγας έκτος  
του γηπέδου της, έμοιαζαν με αυτές των Α-  
ντιόλων.

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 3-0 (Ακρίωτης 2 και  
Νάστας).

## ΤΟ ΣΠΙΝΚΑΙΡΙΑ Ι-Ι ΜΕ ΤΟ ΠΟΡΤ ΓΙΟΥΝ.

Παίζοντας καλό ποδόσφαιρο το Σόουβ Σπρι-  
νγκάιρ έκτος έδρας με το Πόρτ, προηγήθη-  
κε στο 60' με τον ταλαντούχο Σάθη Κα-  
σαρό αλλά οι γηπεδούχοι στο 80' έκαναν  
το 1-1.

Στο 88' το Πόρτ κέρδισε πέναλτυ αλλά ο  
θαυμάσιος γκολκίπερ Πέτρον το απέκρουσε  
χαρίζοντας τον βαθμό στην ομάδα του.

Έπαιξαν οι Πέτρον, Κέρος, Β. Αργυρόπου-  
λος (Ραντολφ), Μπράνκο, Χατζηναστασίου,  
Χρυσόβης (Ταμουροτζί), Σελεμίδης, Βαρέλι  
α, Καταχάρς, Γ. Αργυρόπουλος, Μ. Τομάζος.

Από την ομάδα του Χρήστου Πισιμπίο μα-  
νέας δεν ύστέρησε.

Εξαίρεση οι Πέτρον, Σελεμίδης Σ. και Μ.  
Τομάζος.

## ΝΙΚΗΣ ΤΟ ΚΑΙΦΟΝ ΤΟ ΜΠΡΑΝΤΟΝ 2-0

ΕΠΙΣΤΕΙ ΠΑΛΙ ΤΗΝ 3η ΕΞΕΣ ΣΤΗ ΒΑΘΜΟΛΟΓΙΑ

Το Βαρό γήπεδο κούρασε και τους δύο αν-  
τιπάλους στο μάτς Κλίφτον - Μπράντον.

Η γηπεδούχος (Κλίφτον) ήταν σαρφά άνω-  
τερη σε όλο το διάστημα χωρίς όμως να

δέρζει και τον καλό της αυτό.

Σ' ένα μάτς όμως μετράει η νίκη που παί-  
νει μεγαλύτερες διαστάσεις όταν στην έν-  
δεκάδα του Κλίφτον παίζουν άριστα παιδιά  
από την Β' ομάδα τὰ οποία άρχισαν να παί-  
ζουν με τὸ σπασί τους τις θέσεις τους με  
τὸν ένθουσιασμό και τὸ πείσμα που τὰ δια-  
κρίνει.

Ο άκκος που ήταν από τους καλύτερους ά-  
νοις το σκόρ με θαυμάσια κεφαλιά στο 19  
ένω το Μπράντον ποδ δεν σταμάτησε να μά-  
χεται κέρδισε πέναλτυ στο 27' αλλά άσπό-  
ησε.

Επὶ 83' ο Ανδριώτης παρά το ότι άγνοι-  
ζόταν τραυματίας, βοήθη τὰ δίχτυα του Μπ-  
ράντον και έκανε το τελικό 2-0.

Πολύ καλός ο δεφερό ΚΟΛΙΝ ΕΛΛΙΣ κυνή-  
γησε από κοντά τις φάσεις.

Κακάς μερικοί του Κλίφτον διαμαρτυρήθη-  
καν για τὸν καταλογισμό του πέναλτυ, όπως  
και για τὰ βρώμικα που σφύριξε (περισσό-  
τερα από 15) σε βάρος των κυνηγών της νι-  
κήτριας. Οι άμυντικοί του Μπράντον υπο-  
ρόθαν εύκολα να παίξουν το βρώμικ.

Έπαιξαν για τὸ Κλίφτον οι Κόρριος, Χρό-  
νις, Καράλιαμης, Μυστράτης, Τυρόκος, Πάπας,  
Παπαγεωργίου, Τζιτζιζας (83' Κουτσούρας),  
Θάκος, Ανδριώτης και Σιχαριτζής.

## ΤΟ ΚΑΠΙΤΕΝ ΣΙΤΥ 8 - 2 ΣΤΗ ΛΑΜΙΝΕΣ

Παίζοντας θαυμάσιο και παρακτικό ποδόσφαι-  
ρο το Γκάρντεν Σίτυ στο γηπέδο του Ισπέ  
δωσε την ελληνική "λαμινέ" με 8-2.

Η γηπεδούχος στο Α' έρωτο που ήταν περι-  
φημη προηγήθηκε με 5-1.

Επὶν επανέληψη η Λαμινέ προσάτησε και  
το μόνο που κέρδισε ήταν ένα πέναλτυ με  
το όποιο μείωσε το σκόρ, ενώ το Γκάρντεν  
πιο άποτελεσματικό πέτυχε άλλα 3 τέρματα  
με τὰ οποία ολοκλήρωσε την νίκη του.

Η Λαμινέ έτρεχε πὸ πολύ αλλά δεν είχε  
άποτέλεσμα. Το Γκάρντεν με τὸς πεπειρα-  
μένους παίκτες που έπαιξαν θαυμάσια γρή-  
γορες μπαλιές σημείωσε τὰ γκολ με τὸς  
Αποστολόπουλο 2, Λαζαρόβιτς 2, Μπλάι, Σβίγγο,  
Καμπούροπουλο και Γιάννη Αναστασιάδη.

Το Γκάρντεν έπαιξε με τὸς: Παγγώνη, Γ. Ανα-  
στασιάδη, Ν. Αναστασιάδη, Ξανθόπουλο, Ξέφης,  
Καμπούροπουλο, Σβίγγο, Μπλάι, Λαζαρόβιτς, Απο-  
στολόπουλο, Μπαλάνα. REF: M. BENOVIC Καλός.

Επὶν Κυριακή το Γκάρντεν άγνοιζέται με  
το ΗΑΙΛΜΑΚ. Η ούσταση του γηπέδου έ-  
ναι η έξής: ΝΤΗ SUNSHINE (Τάχυκαλ Ένοφα)  
ΜΕΛ. 26. Κ9 NORTHUMBERLAND RD, ΝΤΗ SUNSHI-  
NE.

Η ΠΑΡΑΤΕΤΑΙΑ ΗΤΑΝ ΓΙΑ... 500 ΔΟΛΛΑΡΙΑ.

Η παραγγελιά όδθηκε από τὸν ήγητ μίος  
ομάδας μας: "Παιδιά - έίπε στο Δ. Συμβού-  
λιο - για να πληρώσουμε τὸς παίκτες μας  
πρέπει να βάλουμε 6 καδ' ένας μας από  
500 δολάρια, διαφορετικά μάς κλείνουν..."

Και έβαλαν δύο-τρεις το χέρι στην τσέ-  
πη αλλά μόνο αυτό γιατί οι δολάριοι...  
κάτι φαυφαρώνει εξαφανίστηκαν και ο πρό-  
εδρος άκνη τοδ φάχνει...

Αυτά από θετική πηγή και σε λίγες μέ-  
ρες αλ έχουμε και μολήλη συνέχεια.

# YUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

## AUSTRALIJA SRUSILA MIT O ZVEZDI

Crvena zvezda je stekla veliki ugled u Australiji,  
zahvaljujući igri i rezultatima na prve tri turneje.  
Bila je dovoljno samo jedna, i to zadnja utakmica, da  
taj ugled baci pod noge. U fudbalu se lako i brzo zabo-  
ravljaju neuspesi, ali poraz od 4:0 bio je i duboko  
označio u srušenju povijesti Zvezde i ostalih ju-  
goslovena u Melbourne, ali i Siroam Australije.

Uspeh Australije je potpuno zaslužen. Iakovcan je  
spreco da taj poraz bude daleko teži, jer su igrali  
Australije predrali prema njegovom glasu gotovo bez  
otpora, specijalno zadnjih 20 minuta. Mnogi gledaoci  
nisu mogli da shvate tako slabu igru ovog renomir-  
anog i po svemu profesionalnog tima, pa su tražili  
neuvjerljiva opravdanja, čak su govorili da je utak-  
mica poklonjena. Znači poklonjenici je i 19.000 do-  
larsa, koliko je razlika između poraza i pobjede, što znači  
zaista neverovatno kada se zna da je Zvezda posla na  
ovu turneju prvenstveno zbog dobitka.

Ovaj neuspjeh Zvezde, neodgovorno prenosanje  
APN u Hvaljano, a najviše AEC-a iz Aline, zatvorili  
su vrata klubovima iz Australije za dugo vreme.

Za nas je to dobra škola da znamo o to što imamo, a  
ne da se razbacamo novcem koji nemamo. To se  
odnosi na klubove i reprezentaciju. Fudbal nije nijedni  
monopol. Pripada svim zemljama i narodima, a naj-  
jaci je tamo gde se najozbiljnije radi sa juniorima.

Omladinsko prvenstvo sveta u Kini održava se bez  
mogućeg zemalja, gde je tradicija fudbala duboka ali  
zanemarena. Javljaju se nove zvezde u zemljama, gde  
je fudbal odavno izasao iz penje, gde se igra sa zvo-  
čevljenjem kakvog više nema u Evropi i Južnoj  
Americi, jer se izrodilo u profesiju sa svim odlikama  
poslovnog preduzeća.

## MAKEDONIJA U FINALU NACIONALNOG KUPA

Dugo odlagano finale Nacionalnog kupa Australije  
odigrano je prošle nedjelje u Sidneju između Sydney  
Olympics i Makedonije. Razume se, prednost je imao  
domaći tim, ali Makedonija je tokom cele utakmice  
bila bolji tim. Vodila je sa 1:0 tek u završnici primila  
dva jeftina gola. Steta, jer je bila na dohvatu najvećeg  
uspjeha u svojoj istoriji.

U nedjelju 18. augusta završava se regularni deo  
prvenstva Nacionalne lige. U Južnoj divizioni sve je  
reseno, tako da zadnje kolo nema velikog značaja, dok  
u Severnoj divizioni odlučuje pitanje prvaka. Izgleda da  
je Sydney Croatia u pretposljednem kolu pokockala  
veliku sansu i još jednu investiciju da ponesu krunu  
sampiona. Iskusišji Sydney City bio je spremniji za  
konacn obracun.

JUST igra zadnju utakmicu na svom igralištu u ne-  
djelju 18. augusta. Iako se ne može pomeniti sa pos-  
lednjeg kola JUST se bori za prestiz, koji mu pri-  
pada kao najstarijem i najuspešnijem klubu na ovom  
kontinentu. "Plavi" preživljavaju krzu zadnjih par  
godina, što se dogadja mnogim klubovima bez pose-  
dnice po njihov status i opstanak u Nacionalnoj ligi.

I pored toga što se nalazi u neugodnom položaju na  
tabeli JUST može uvek privuci više publike nego po-  
lovina ostalih klubova u Nacionalnoj ligi, da ne spomi-  
nemo Drzavnu ligu, gde većina klubova životari i izd-  
zava se od kantine.

U poslednjem kolu Makedonija je gost Green Gul-  
ly, gde će sigurno osvojiti jedan bod ako ne oba.

Melbourne Croatia očekuje Brisbane Lionsa na  
Olympic Parku. I ovaj susret je samo dobar trening  
pred početak konacnog raspjeta petorka za naslov  
sampiona.

## TEZAK PORAZ ALTONE GATE

Navijaci Altone Gate Vardara su se navikli na izne-  
nadenja, ali poraz od prošle subote prsao je sva  
očekivanja. Sunbury je, bez četiri najbolja igrača,  
pregazio monike ispod visećeg mosta sa 5:0 (2:0).

Od početka igre videlo se da Micevski sa zvezda-

koligama nije bio namislan za ovu utakmicu. Gres-  
kom cele odbrane na celu sa golmanom Lacokom  
primljena su prva dva gola. Posle toga svi su izgubili  
vrhu, pa je domacin davao golove kako je hteo. Sreća  
sto se umorio, pa je Lacok mogao da predahne zadnjih  
15 minuta. Pohvali zaslužuju jedino Jimmy Keba-  
kovski i Mick Micevski.

Sastav Altone Gate: Dany Lacok, Jonec Serovski,  
Alex Zdravski, Chris Talevski, Lube Talevski, Mick  
Micevski, Boris Gelevski, Gus Figurea (Jimmy Keba-  
kovski), Goran Georgijevski (Jimmy Keba-  
kovski), Zlatko Veljanovski, Mendo Ristovski.

Rezerv su igrali nereseno 1:1 (1:0). Stelac za  
Vardar Mario Mantello.

U subotu 17. augusta Vardar docekuje Kew Park  
Rangers a na Paisley Reserve u North Altoni.

DANDENONG CITY — RINGWOOD/SRBIA 2:0  
(1:0). Ringwood/Srbija je igrala, a domacin je iz  
nekoliko protivnapada postigao dva jeftina gola i os-  
vojio dva vazna boda.

Sastav Ringwood/Srbije: Lorenc Lesic, Miki Dju-  
kic, Tony Gilmour, Abdo Demir, Alex Nelson, Milan  
Bjelogric, Robert Erceg, Ljubisa Bosancic, Stewart  
Anderson, Pavle Jevtic, William Ross.

U predgiri rezervu Ringwood/Srbije je pobedila  
Dandenong City sa 2:0 (1:0). Strelic: Steve Obradov 3  
i Bosko Cvjetic.

Do kraja ove godine, i tokom cele 1986. sezone, Ring-  
wood/Srbija igraće sve domace utakmice na stadionu  
Ringwood City Wilhelmine Jubilee Park, Relly  
Street, Ringwood. Na tom stadionu Ringwood/Srbija  
docekuje u subotu 17. augusta Waverley City.

KARINGAL — SPRINGVALE UNITED 1:1 (1:1).  
Strah od klubova sa dna tabele bio je opravdan za  
igrace i navijace "Plavih" iz Springvala. Poctak sus-  
reta obećavao je promenu, narocito u 20. minutu,  
kada je Boris Maric deo "plave" u vodstvo od 1:0.

Nada u pobjedu se izjalovila u 44. minutu, kada je  
domacin izjednacjio greskom cele odbrane. Golman  
Zoran Maric bio je nemocan.

Sudija je ostelio "plave" za jedanaesteru u 76.  
minutu, jer je Milan Stojilovic nepropisno zastavljao  
pred golom.

Zbog izgubljenog boda "Plavi" su pali sa drugog na  
peto mesto, ali od prvog na tabeli imaju svega dva  
boda manje. Trka za prva mesto neće prestati do zad-  
njeg kola.

Sastav Springvale Uniteda: Zoran Mandic, Djura  
Sivecy, Milenko Culibrk, Stevan Jelacic, Stewan Jan-  
jic, Dragan Janjic, Boris Maric, Emil Petrov, Zahid  
Tepic (Daniel Tarar od 80. minuta), Milan Stojilovic,  
Hitko Kaim.

Rezerve su igrali nereseno 2:2 (1:1). Strelici za  
"plava": Daniel Tarar u 22. i Joe Francisti iz jed-  
naesteru u 57. minutu.

U subotu 17. augusta Springvale United igra protiv  
Geelonga na svom terenu u Keysborough. Gosti  
imaju jedan bod više i nalaze se na trećem mestu na  
tabeli treće divizione.

WILLIAMSTOWN/MILADOST — HAWTHORN 1:0  
(0:0). Posle dva uzastopna poraza igrači Miladosti  
vratili su se na pobjedničku listu, što im daje nadu da  
se sa uspehom bore za prelazak u viši rang takmičen-  
ja. Jedini gol postigao je Tim Bikić deset minuta pre  
kraja utakmice. Miladost je bila bolji tim, ali nije  
imala sreću pred golom. Lopit se tri puta odbila od  
prečke i dva puta od stative.

CLAYTON — PASCOE VALE/PELISTER 1:1  
(1:1). Strelec sa Pelisten Kevin Nevruzi.

ROYAL RICHMOND/SINDJELIC i CENTRAL  
CITY/CRVENA ZVEZDA nisu igrali prošle subote.

# CANBERRA PLANS NEW GUINEA TRIP

By PETER WINDSOR

Canberra City Olympians have  
almost finalised arrangements for  
the club's first end-of-season over-  
seas trip — to Papua New Guinea.

Initial uncertainty over tour dates have been over-  
come, but the crunch factor is still the enormous air-  
fare cost for a 20-man touring party.

The clash of dates was removed this week when the  
Papua New Guinea Soccer Federation offered new  
tour dates for late October.

Initially the Federation had talked about a tour  
during August — out of the question, of course, until  
Canberra has played its final NSL game against  
Sydney Hakoah to decide whether Canberra is in or  
out of the Northern Division's top five play-offs.

Canberra could draw and still go through — provid-  
ing its great rival and other Canberra District NSL  
club Monaro defeats or at least takes a point from  
Canberra's challenger for the fifth spot — St George.

Back to the tour!

The late October tour date would mean that  
Canberra City Olympians carry the Australian soccer  
banner — for they have been offered games against  
Papua New Guinea's national team and the crack  
Port Moresby side.

The games also happen to coincide with the coun-  
try's 10th anniversary independence celebrations and  
should attract major publicity and huge crowds as  
soccer always has been popular in Papua New Gui-  
nea.

Canberra City Olympians officials said that the club  
was exploring various avenues of assistance to meet  
the air fares.

Players, however, are said to be particularly keen  
for the tour and already have raised several hundred  
dollars from a series of raffles.

This amount will be added to over the next four  
weeks.

Some players have, apparently, also offered to  
underwrite part of their individual air fares to ensure  
the tour takes place.

## Charlton quits over crowd

Jack Charlton quit as manager of English  
first division Sheffield United.

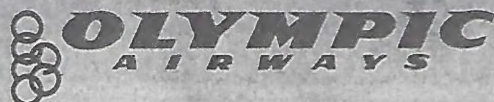
The former England international defender told  
Newcastle chairman Stan Seymour he was resigning  
after he was booed and criticised by the crowd during  
the 1-1 draw.

Charlton said: "Then they have done it."

Charlton had been manager of Newcastle for 14  
months.

The fans criticised him for failing to sign any star  
player players following the sale of England winger  
Chris Waddle to Tottenham for 600,000 pounds  
(\$A1,150,740) at the end of last season.





# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

## ROUND 22 17-18 AUGUST

### SOUTHERN DIVISION



DENNIS BOLAND

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.  
VS  
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

at SCHINTLER RESERVE  
3pm SUNDAY  
YOUTH GAME:-  
FOOTSCRAY  
vs SUNSHINE GEORGE  
CROSS  
at 12.45pm



CLAUDE LUCCHESI

GREEN GULLY  
VS  
PRESTON MAKEDONIA

at GREEN GULLY RESERVE  
3pm SUNDAY  
YOUTH GAME:-  
GREEN GULLY  
vs  
MAKEDONIA  
at 12.45pm



KEN MURPHY

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS  
VS  
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

at HINDMARSH STADIUM  
2.30 pm SUNDAY  
VIC YOUTH GAME:-  
FRANKSTON PINES  
vs  
HELLAS  
AT VENUE T.B.A.



ANDREW ZINNI

BRISBANE CITY  
VS  
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

at SPENCER PARK  
3.00pm SUNDAY  
VIC YOUTH GAME:-  
CROYDON CITY  
vs  
JUVENTUS  
AT VENUE T.B.A.



ZELJKO GOVIC

MELBOURNE CROATIA  
VS  
BRISBANE LIONS

at OLYMPIC PARK No.1  
3.00pm SUNDAY  
YOUTH GAME:-  
CROATIA  
vs  
NUNAWADING CITY  
at 12.45pm



STEVE WINN

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER  
VS  
ADELAIDE CITY

at OLYMPIC VILLAGE  
3.00pm SUNDAY  
YOUTH GAME:-  
ALEXANDER  
vs  
FAWKNER  
at 12.45pm

### NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CROATIA vs APIA LEICHHARDT  
at KING TOMISLAV PARK 3 pm SUNDAY

PENRITH CITY vs NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD  
COOK PARK 3pm SUNDAY

SYDNEY CITY vs CANBERRA OLYMPIANS  
at SYDNEY ATHLETIC STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY

SYDNEY OLYMPIC vs MARCONI  
ST. GEORGE STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY

INTER MONARO vs ST. GEORGE  
at SEIFFERT OVAL 3pm SUNDAY

WOLLONGONG CITY vs BLACKTOWN CITY  
WOLLONGONG SHOWGROUNDS 3pm SUNDAY